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■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A TRIO of teenage train robbers are being hunted by police after stealing cash, jewellery and mobile phones from terrified commuters during a seven-month crime spree.

The gang – captured in this CCTV image – are wanted by British Transport Police in connection with a “series of robberies” in north Kent, carried out predominantly between London and Medway.

BTP robbery squad Detective Constable Denis Stonestreet said the trio mainly targeted young men in attacks stretching back to February.

He said: “We have been carrying out an ongoing investigation and believe this group may be involved in several robberies against passengers.

“These have occurred in the mornings and the evenings, and have involved passengers who had money, jewellery and other valuables stolen.

“We’ve been conducting enquiries and hope that by releasing CCTV images members of the public may be able to assist us in this investigation.”

The image of the gang was taken at Charing Cross station in March, shortly before they pounced on a 24-year-old man travelling to Rochester. A BTP spokesman said this formed their clearest picture of the menacing trio.

DC Stonestreet added: “The first youth is described as black, of medium build and 6ft tall. He was wearing a black beanie, red and black jacket and black jeans.

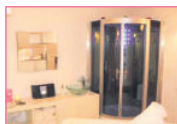
“The second was white, of medium build and 5ft 11 inches tall, he was wearing a dark coloured sports top, jeans and a baseball cap.

“The third is white, 5ft 11 inches tall, medium build with short brown hair. He was wearing a grey and white hooded top and blue jeans. All are believed to be in their late teens to early 20s.”

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X Factor TV flops have last laugh



SIMON SAYS: Walderwood haven't taken X Factor judge Cowell's harsh comments to heart

A BOY band described as "absolutely useless" by X Factor judge Simon Cowell played their first gig at the weekend.

Walderwood – so called because the group's members all live in the Walderlade or Lordwood areas of Chatham – appeared on the popular ITV show two weeks ago.

And despite being ridiculed by Cowell and fellow judges Louis Walsh, Cheryl Cole and Dannii Minogue, the band say they are enjoying the five minutes of fame their humiliation has earned them.

Adam Davies, 20, said: "We're not bothered that they didn't like us because we only went along for a bit of fun."

"We didn't expect to get as far as we did, so it wasn't exactly a huge shock. You get some people who go on the show who are terrible but still think they've got a good chance of getting through, but we didn't."

"We obviously weren't very good." Adam's fellow band members are Kye Homewood, Joe Amirasaleh, Craig Stace, all aged 20, and Nathan Scott, 21. Millions tuned in on Saturday, September 13, and watched between their fingers as Walderwood murdered the Backstreet Boys hit Quit Playing Games (With My Heart).

They only managed to sing a few

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

seconds before Cowell interrupted them with the line: "This is absolutely useless."

Nathan responded by saying the band had been "giving it serious outside", to which Cowell replied: "Well you haven't been giving it in here."

Nathan said: "Yeah, sorry about that," before the boys left the room.

As they walked out, Cowell said to his fellow judges: "Luckily nothing is going to be worse than that."

According to Adam, Cowell probably had a feeling the boys were not taking things seriously the moment they entered the audition.



POP SVENGALI: Simon Cowell

He said: "Simon asked us if we really wanted to be there because apparently it looked like we were all trying not to laugh."

"But we gave it a go anyway. It was daunting standing in front of one of the most powerful men on television – that's why most of us were looking at the floor."

However, Adam said he and his friends had taken nothing to heart.

He said: "It was really funny watching the show. I received 15 texts and five phone calls almost as soon as we appeared. We've been recognised by quite a few people, too. They said we were rubbish, but fair play for having the guts to go on."

Walderwood's gig at the Zebra Bar, Maidstone, was organised by radio station Invicta FM.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Poetry please, John

COMIC poet John Hegley will perform for Medway pupils at a free workshop next month.

Hegley, whose credits include the Edinburgh, Glastonbury and Paramount Comedy festivals, will take to the stage at the University for the Creative Arts at Rochester on Tuesday, October 21.

Youngsters from across Medway will be treated to an hour-long performance followed by a poetry workshop.

UCA's Ruth Westbury said: "We are very excited and hope this fantastic opportunity helps inspire the next generation of poets."

Railway steams ahead

A STEAM and diesel railway at Chatham Historic Dockyard has been given a £175,000 grant.

The cash will be used to improve access to the track and develop a railway engineering workshop.

The total cost of the project is £500,000, with other funds being donated by the Government and the Wolfson Foundation.

The Royal Engineers Museum, in Brompton, was also given £75,000 for a museum, library and archive redevelopment project.

Thousands cop a look

MORE than 5,000 people spent time behind bars on Sunday as Medway police opened their new headquarters to the public.

The open day included tours of the Gillingham station and visits from the marine unit, police dogs and motorcycle team.

Ch Supt Steve Corbishley said: "We are proud of our modern police station and it was good to have the opportunity to show it off."

All money raised on the day will be donated to Macmillan's cancer care unit appeal.

Rush-hour collision

A ROCHESTER road was closed during rush hour last Tuesday evening after a crash left a van teetering over a grass verge.

Maidstone Road was closed northbound at 4pm after the van was involved in a collision with a 4x4 near the Comet superstore.

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Nursery's new home is a real act of kindness

BY SIMON ROBINSON

A CHILDREN'S nursery group will move into their state-of-the-art new premises on Monday thanks to a community spirit-inspired TV show.

Woodlands Special Needs Nursery had been homeless since last winter, when its original building in Woodlands Road, Gillingham, was rendered unusable by bad weather.

Since March the pre-school nursery has been temporarily located at Woodlands School but was in desperate need of a long-term solution.

The group's plight was brought to the attention of Sky1's entertainment special Noel's HQ, which worked alongside the Friends of Woodlands and scores of hard-working volunteers to find a new permanent home.

As part of the TV show Aussie artist Rolf Harris and former children's TV presenter Konnie Huq oversaw the renovation of an old doctor's surgery in Mierscourt Road, Rainham, transforming the building into a child-friendly environment.

Rolf and Konnie presented live from the site on Sunday September 14, giving updates to the show's studio-bound host Noel Edmonds as carpenters, decorators, floorers and gardeners worked around-the-clock to complete the whirlwind makeover.

Kind donations of toys and sensory equipment were then brought in to fill the new nursery building.

Nursery manager Sharon Gray said she was overwhelmed by the volunteers' generosity.

She said: "We're thrilled to have such a brilliant new space for the children.

"It's really important for them because it means they'll have the right amount of space



THRILLED: Konnie Huq, Kate Taylor, Rolf Harris and Sharon Gray at the new Woodlands Nursery

with the right amount of resources to enhance their development.

"I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped out, in particular the Friends of Woodlands – the parents' support group – without which this wouldn't have been possible.

"I'd also like to thank Mr Fiddaman at Woodlands Primary School for giving us space

at the school for the past six months."

Woodlands Special Needs Nursery caters for children with learning disabilities aged between 18 months and five years.

Noel's HQ showed people demonstrating acts of kindness designed to benefit whole communities.

• To find out more see www.sky1.sky.com/noelshq

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THE Shadow Secretary of State for Sport met with Medway's Olympic trampolining hopefuls during a visit to the towns.

Conservative MP Jeremy Hunt spoke to Gary Springs, who represented GB at the 2004 Athens Games, and fellow Team GB star Jason Plowman at their training camp at the Jumper's Rebound Centre in Gillingham on Thursday.

Mr Hunt said he was thoroughly impressed by both the promising athletes' dedication and the plans to transform the entire Black Lion Leisure Centre site into the multi-million-pound Medway Park Olympics Development.

He said: "My visit's been an eye-opener. The Jumper's Rebound Centre is a very professional set-up and I'm delighted they have secured £11 million investment to revamp the whole sport centre here.

"What's most inspiring though is just the attitude of the young people, such as Jason Plowman and Gary Springs, two of the great hopes for London 2012.

"Their concentration and determination levels will be an inspiration to all the young people who know them and all those who know their stories."

To view the clip search 'Jumpers'.

Pauline's rage after police said she looked like a man...

A WOMAN has hit out at police after receiving a letter from traffic cops saying she looked like a man.

Supermarket worker Pauline Synnott, 59, fell foul of the law earlier this year when she was caught speeding and promptly admitted the offence.

The Gillingham driver expected a £60 fine and three penalty points for doing 52mph in a 40mph zone.

But Kent police wrote to Pauline's partner Roy Watkins, 65, who owns the car, with further questions.

Their letter said: "From the copy of the photograph it appears the driver was a male.

"I have therefore enclosed a further set of forms and would ask you to complete them again with the name of the driver."

Furious Roy told a national newspaper: "I am fuming and Pauline is very upset – any woman would be if they were told they look like a man. I want compensation for the misery and hurt this has caused."

A Kent police spokesman said: "We are working with the couple to resolve this matter."

Proposed Olympic training centre put in administration

BY NICK AMES

BUCKMORE Park, which had been cited as a potential training camp for the 2012 London Olympics, has gone into receivership.

It has been shut to the public for five years – but Medway Scouts groups still use a part of it for camping activities.

The facility includes a climbing wall, badminton court and swimming pool, and had been earmarked for training national squads in the run-up to the games in four years time.

But financial difficulties have resulted in Lloyds TSB calling in business administrators KPMG to sort out the finances of the park's owners Avondale South East.

A KPMG spokeswoman said: "Administrators are in the process of sorting things out so the bank can be repaid."

However, the scouting groups say they will continue to use part of the 260 acre site.

Buckmore Park Kart Circuit, which remains popular, is a tenant of the centre and its owners say they are monitoring events.

The site was one of a number of places across the county which has been looked into by the British Olympic Committee as a potential venue for pre-games training to take place.

It is situated close to the M2 and near to the Ebbsfleet International station which will have a rail link to the site of the games.



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The YourLocal series covers Maidstone, Medway, Thanet, Ashford, Canterbury, Shepway, Dover and Swale and each comes complete with its own dedicated website.

And it is thanks to YOU – our readers and advertisers – that we have been a success; for which every one of us are extremely grateful.

Supermarkets were the major venues for the celebrations, as readers joined KOS Media staff – including the roadrunners who hand out the newspapers for a slice of cake amidst the commemorative balloons.

This year has seen the series establish a major foothold in the county's highly competitive newspaper market with your local paper becoming a part of readers' lives. Each paper delivers a weekly dose of the best news, sport and leisure – all for free – to create a winning blend.

Roadrunners

Our roadrunners have become an established sight in town and city centres across Kent, handing the papers out. Meanwhile, newsagents, garages and other local stores continue to report copies being snapped up just minutes after hitting the shelves.

KOS Media's distribution manager Barbara Coker has the task of co-ordinating the distribution of the 120,000 issues of the nine papers.

She said: "We all had a very good reason to celebrate. Readers and advertisers all joined in and had the chance to talk to those who give out the papers and get to know them."

"In the past 12 months the roadrunners have become an established part of the high street scene and a very welcome one."

Readers have become so accustomed to the sight of the representatives of our papers they have started to inform them of upcoming events and news stories they feel should be covered.

The roadrunners are now a source for getting the news in – rather than just putting it out.

Mrs Coker added: "It's great that we have established such a rapport with the reading public. Feedback is the most important thing for a local paper so that it can truly become the voice of the community and reflects the concerns of residents in any particular town."

"It is the intention of our local papers to do just that – to reflect what is going on



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Readers and roadrunners gathered at distribution points across the county to celebrate the first birthday of all the Yourpaper editions

in the towns and villages across the county and give people a voice when they need one.

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VISIT: Karen Millen has just returned from a visit to the HOPEHIV project she helped set up in South Africa

Designer fashions a new hope for women with HIV

EXCLUSIVE

BY ANNA WHITE

FASHION designer Karen Millen is helping HIV sufferers living in slums in South Africa – by teaching them the skills to follow in her footsteps.

The multi-millionaire businesswoman, from Watlington, was approached by the charity HOPEHIV two years ago for support.

She turned to former mentor Sheelagh Wright, her tutor at the University for Creative Arts in Rochester, to work with her to create a fashion-based project for the charity.

They designed a year-long course to be run in Pietermaritzburg, the capital city of the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa, which aims to provide poverty-stricken young HIV sufferers with fashion design and technical skills to get good jobs.

After visiting the area, the two women chose a building owned by Project Gateway, a charity encouraging self-sufficiency, to base their fashion school at.

This run-down building, previously a prison that held Mahatma Gandhi, was refurbished into a modern, brightly-lit fashion studio.

The first 22 students of the Gateway School of Fashion were enrolled in January and both Ms Millen and Mrs Wright have just returned from a five-day trip to check on

the standards of the first year of the course.

Mrs Wright, who has worked at UCA's Rochester campus for 33 years, said: "After Karen left UCA we had always remained in touch and two years ago she rang me to say that HOPEHIV had contacted her about getting involved in a project.

"We went to various meetings, and then to South Africa to have a look at the community and choose our location."

The lecturer added: "The organisers assumed we were doing something similar to home industries where women teach locals sewing, so when they visited us and saw what we were doing, we blew their minds.

"The curriculum I have designed covers everything from sewing, pattern cutting and screen printing.

"The course is really different to anything here as we have to combine a three year course into one.

"There are four terms in the year and we have recently completed our third. Karen and I went out there last week to assess the work."

After the review nine of the 22 students will go forward to other projects.

Ms Millen OBE said: "I'm totally overcome by the passion and the latent talent of the first intake of students and it would be a dream-come-true if one of the Project Gateway pioneers developed into an international designer."

The designer opened her first clothes shop in Maidstone in the early 80s, then built up her own chain of 150 Karen Millen stores, which she sold for £120 million in 2004.

• For more information on the Gateway Fashion School project visit www.ucreative.ac.uk/fashionafrica.

Extremely good fun for all on sports day

THOUSANDS of youngsters tried quad biking, paint balling and snowboarding during the second annual Extreme Medway event.

The fun-filled day gave children the chance to take on a range of extreme sports and activities in the surrounds of Capstone Country Park.

A Medway council spokesman said: "Extreme Medway aims to encourage young children to come out and try new sport to see if they like it.

"If they do then hopefully we'll have given them the encouragement to take it up further."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

New facilities will unlock our waterways to visitors

THE newly-renovated Allington Lock was officially opened by Jonathan Shaw MP after more than ten years of work.

The complete overhaul of the River Medway lock began in the late 90s, with the Environment Agency finishing the final stages last week.

A patrol boat took a small party including the Chatham and Aylesford MP, who is parliamentary under secretary of state in charge of waterways, from East Farleigh to Allington for a tour of the renovated lock, before Mr Shaw cut the ribbon, on Friday.

The MP said: "It's great to see these superb improvements which have given Allington Lock a new lease of life.

"Our waterways are enjoying a renaissance, and this project is good news for users of the Medway and will attract many more people. I congratulate everyone involved."

The work cost £970,000 and means visiting boaters are now offered waste disposal, shower facilities, a new five-metre-wide slipway, safer moorings, canoe access and toilets, as well as important bank stabilisation works.

Hospital bosses say thank you to devoted volunteers

DEVOTED hospital volunteers were honoured by NHS trust chiefs at an awards ceremony.

Medway NHS Foundation Trust bosses paid tribute to 165 long-serving volunteers, handing out certificates in recognition of five, ten or 15 years service.

Voluntary services manager Antoinette Stewart said: "It's great to be able to recognise volunteers' contribution because they have such a massive impact on the hospital."

To find out more about volunteering visit www.medway.nhs.uk.

Chief praises efforts of all who fought tunnel blaze

MEDWAY firefighters have been praised for their role in dealing with the Channel Tunnel fire.

Crews from Chatham, Strood, Medway and Hoo stations were involved in bringing the huge blaze under control.

The fire started on a train travelling from England to France at 3pm on September 11.

More than 100 firefighters from 38 districts were drafted in to tackle the blaze, which burned for more than 21 hours.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service's chief fire officer Bill Feeley said he would be writing to each firefighter to thank them.

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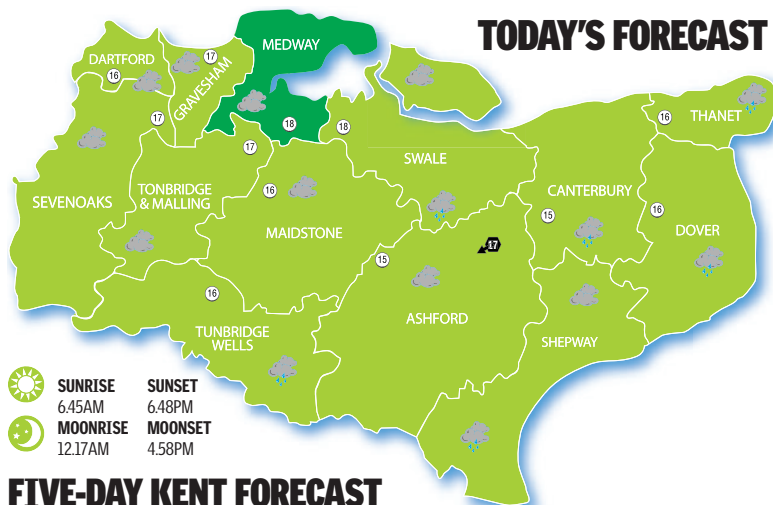


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	Sunday	9:53am	6.0m
Dungeness	Saturday	8:16am	6.0m
	Sunday	9:33am	6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:21am	4.3m
	Sunday	10:23am	4.6m
Sheerness	Saturday	9:43am	4.8m
	Sunday	11:00am	5.1m
Whitstable	Saturday	9:56am	4.5m
	Sunday	11:10am	4.9m



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Canterbury	16°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C	Maidstone	16°C	17°C	18°C	19°C	19°C
Chatham	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C	Ramsgate	16°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
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Park gates put up in bid to deter vandals

ALLEY gates have been erected in Princes Park in an effort to crackdown on criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

The metal gates have been placed at the alleyway linking Freshwater Road and Coverdale Close, thanks to the hard work of residents and the police-led Partners And Communities Together (PACT) group.

The group raised the alleyway as a PACT priority and worked with councillors, wardens and the youth offenders team to have the gates put in place.

Prince Park police officer, Dave Saunders, said: "We are all so pleased that we have been able to make a positive impact on the community through the PACT process."

"The aim of the group is to establish local residents' priorities and deal with them quickly and effectively."

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Q Can you tell us a little about yourself?

A I'm 28 and I've been teaching Ceroc for nine years. I live in south-east London, but my job takes me all over Kent.

Q What first interested you in Ceroc?

A I first got into Ceroc via more unconventional means. I was 17, had just left school and I was in the job centre in Eltham High Street accompanying a friend.

I saw a card asking for a DJ. At the time I was working as a fitness instructor and had been working part-time as a wedding DJ for a few years, so I thought I'd give it a go.

It was Ceroc and the first thing I noticed when I walked in for my interview was what seemed like hundreds of people dancing and enjoying themselves to music that was a more contemporary than I imagined. Ceroc can be danced to all sorts of music, from the big band stuff of the 40's right up to the cutting-edge chart stuff and everything in between.

The atmosphere was electric and I just really wanted to be a part of it. The fact is you don't need to book or bring a partner. You can just turn up on your own or with friends in whatever comfortable clothes you like and you'll be made to feel welcome.

Q Do you have a favourite or preferred technique of Ceroc?

A The great thing about Ceroc is that there is no set foot patterns. It's a very basic

form of partner dance that really can be learned by anyone.

The fact that it is so simple makes it accessible, but also allows it to be influenced by all sorts of other dances allowing for great musical interpretation. The most important thing to remember though is the leader leads and the follower follows. It's totally unchoreographed, which makes it quite exciting.

Q Where is the most unusual or interesting place you have performed?

A Nowhere too obscure, but I have taught all over England, in Spain and even Australia during the 2002/3 Ashes series.

I copped quite a lot of flak from the locals for being English while we were losing the series, but a win at the Sydney Cricket Ground soon stopped all that. Last year I taught a few taster classes in a large marquee at the Kent County Show, which was great fun.

Q What do you hope you can achieve with your dancing in future?

A With programmes like Strictly Come Dancing on TV, dancing in general is undergoing a bit of a renaissance. My goal is to carry that on and get as many people as possible to come along and give it a go.

It really is the most fun and social way there is to stay in shape and learn something new.

It'll also make you look amazing on the dance floor at your cousin's wedding this summer and it really won't take long to learn. In just 45 minutes you can be dancing a few

moves and looking like you've been doing it for years.

Q What do you think of the cultural and artistic life of Swale?

A I've been visiting Swale since I was very little due to my nan living in Leysdown and I have to say I have noticed a massive change in the area. We opened our venue in Sittingbourne a few years ago and I was impressed with the whole area. The St George's Day Festival was a really vibrant and colourful event.

Q Where can people see you performing?

A I teach at Dance Junction in Rochester on Mondays and Sandyacres Sports Club in Ashford on Tuesdays. There are venues all over Kent though that can be found on our website, www.cerockent.com.

My friend Kara also teaches each Wednesday at The Wyvern Hall, Swallows Leisure Centre, in Sittingbourne and we have a great night there. Like all of our venues it's welcoming, with new people coming along each week.

Q What do you like to do when you're not working?

A It's not often that I'm not working, but when I'm not I try to spend as much time as possible with my girlfriend Lida, who is also a Ceroc teacher in Tunbridge Wells. I'm also a keen cricketer, so I like to play as much as I can.

The dance teacher who gives Ceroc classes across Kent – including in Medway and Swale – spoke to **James Alexandre** about how he first got involved with the growing craze and following the Ashes

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Only fools would miss out on this convention

BY ANNA WHITE

FANS of treasured British sitcom *Only Fools and Horses* will get the chance to meet some of their idols at an event this weekend.

More than 1,500 visitors are expected to flock to the convention at Mote Park Leisure Centre in Maidstone on Sunday to meet stars of the show.

They will also be able to see memorabilia from the multi award-winning show, including the famous three-wheeled van and some of Del Boy's more outlandish outfits.

Enthusiasts can buy rare items from the programme in an auction and will even have the chance to sit in Del Boy's chair and contemplate 'get rich quick' schemes, as the convention features a faithful recreation of the Trotters' flat.

After eleven years of touring the country this is the first time the official fan club's show will head to Kent.

Perry Aghajanianoff, president of the Only Fools Appreciation Society, said: "So far the response has been tremendous. Our perfect demographic was the Essex man, as historically Essex is the old East End, but maybe it's now Kent."

"I'm quite excited about it. The show's got an affinity with Kent because the Jolly Boys Outing episode was filmed in Margate. That's most people's favourite episode, so it's like bringing it home."

Among the actors due to appear are Roger Lloyd Pack, who played the loveable dimwit Trigger, and Paul Barber, who played Denzil, the hapless Scouser frequently in trouble through his involvement with Del Boy's ludicrous schemes.

Patrick Murray, better known as Mickey Pearce, Roy Heather who played Nag's Head landlord Sid, and Ben Smith, the last actor to play Del Boy's son Damien, are also due to attend.

According to Mr Aghajanianoff, the actors are happy to revisit the past and meet fans,



TROOPERS: Many members of the cast will be at the convention signing autographs for eager fans

The club first began for his own amusement but soon grew into a success and became the appreciation society with greater involvement with the show.

"I've been in episodes three times, usually as 'man in pub', he said. "Some of the scenes have all my friends in the background. Sometimes they would say they needed a crowd and I would get 250 people together in a few days. I would be able to say 'there's my milkman or my postman'."

The show came to an end with a Christmas day special in 2003, but its following still lives on and is passed on to the next generation with children as young as five turning up to events dressed as the beloved Del Boy.

The convention starts at 10am and is due to finish at 6pm, however, Mr Aghajanianoff says that, from previous experience, the day usually carries on for longer due to the long queues waiting for autographs.

Tickets cost £5 and can be bought online by visiting www.onlyfools.net. Under tens get free entry.

despite there not having been a new episode for five years.

"In the past they've been signing for nine hours without a break. They're real troopers," he said. "Everyone gets their autograph, though we have a fair use policy. Autographs and photo opportunities are free."

Mr Aghajanianoff, 44, has been running the fan club since 1993 and can now boast 10,000 members worldwide.

Therapy CD aims to help dogs cope on bonfire night

THE RSPCA is appealing to dog owners to start preparing pets for Bonfire Night by using sound therapy to minimise the distress caused by exploding fireworks.

The number of fireworks related calls received by the RSPCA's national control centre rose to 940 in 2007 - more than double the 456 received in 1999.

In a bid to reduce this number, the RSPCA has endorsed the Sounds Scary CD therapy pack, produced by Sound Therapy 4 Pets.

This can be used to help dogs learn to be less afraid of loud fizzes and bangs in the build up to the traditional Bonfire Night celebrations, with a two-CD pack featuring a wide variety of firework sounds, as well as thunder and gunshots.

Mark Evans, the animal charity's chief vet, said: "Fireworks and other loud noises are a source of great anxiety for many dogs."

Volume

"This year, the RSPCA's fireworks campaign is encouraging people to help treat and prevent their dogs' fireworks fears using the Sounds Scary CD - a scientifically proven therapy tool."

"We want owners to help their dogs become less afraid of fireworks noises well in advance of the fireworks season, rather than attempting and often failing to provide short term fixes that have no long-term benefit."

The CD works by gradually allowing dogs to be less afraid of loud noises.

It should initially be played at a very low level, so that the dog shows no reaction to the noises.

The volume can then be gradually increased in the months leading up to November 5, until the dog doesn't react to the noises, even when the CD is played at moderate to full volume.

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Move to widen range of speed camera offences

DRIVERS not wearing seat belts, using mobile phones, or texting could soon be punished after being caught on speed camera.

The Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership wants to widen the range of offences it deals with beyond breaking speed limits and jumping red lights.

The controversial proposals will be discussed by a meeting of Kent's Assistant Chief Constables on Tuesday, September 30 after getting the approval of Kent County Council.

Likely testing ground is the Medway towns – but nothing has yet been finalised.

The move comes after the speed camera group received new video equipment which makes identification of drivers easier.

But it would still mean motorists would have to be using a mobile phone when passing the cameras for the proposed new ruling to be enforced.

Similar regulations are currently in operation in Surrey and Hampshire, according to Chris Rogers, project manager for the Kent camera operators.

He said: "While we are doing our job our operators see a number of other offences which they have up to now ignored.

"The idea is that they widen their remit to include such things as seat belts and phones.

"If an operator did witness an offence such as a driver on the phone the idea is that they would note the time and registration of the car on a pad. Back up video would then further strengthen the case.

"But we would have to be very sure, someone might well have their hand up to the side of their head while driving, but maybe they are suffering from toothache.

"Alternatively a motorist's hand may be off the wheel and it may be that they are texting below the level of the dashboard. But they may also be attempting to brush a wasp away.

"So we will have to be very sure an offence has been committed before taking any action."

What punishments will be dished out in the event of the plans coming into force has yet to be decided.

Mr Rogers said: "The final decision is with the police now."



Flight of mercy

Invicta star James in air ambulance fund-raising dash

BY NICK AMES

INVICTA FM breakfast show presenter James Heming was challenged live on air this week to go head to head with fundraisers from the Kent Air Ambulance – in a competition to see who could raise the most cash.

Monday marked the start of an awareness week organised by the lifesaving helicopter's operators as well as five days of raising cash necessary to keep it airborne.

James said: "They issued a challenge and I responded. It is one of the most important services in the county and assists many people when they are in real danger.

"I was very happy to help."

The Air Ambulance Trust sent out its team in a vehicle and they toured supermarkets – offering to bag up people's shopping in exchange for donations.

Meanwhile James took to the air – courtesy of a helicopter belong to air ambulance supporters aviation company AV8.

He soon arrived at the office of the Kent Children's Information Service in Maidstone where he picked up a donation of £100.

Mark Bentley, Gillingham FC club captain, met him at the teams training ground and handed over an autographed shirt and ball, together with five pairs of match tickets.

Hospital Lane Dental clinic along Blue Bell Hill then signed over a cheque for £250 with Kent Reliance Building Society donating £650. He then dropped in on Dickens World in Chatham, Lydden Hill race track and Herne Bay Golf Club before heading back to the station's studio.

A spokeswoman for the trust said: "The challenge formed the start of an important week for us when it comes to raising money and awareness.

"People will be out all week explaining



RACE AGAINST TIME: (clockwise) James Heming with Gills captain Mark Bentley; collecting £100 from the Kent Children's Information Centre; after picking up a £2,000 cheque from Heron Helicopters at Herne Bay Golf Club and in the helicopter during his whistlestop tour of the county

what we do and asking for help from members of the public.

"The air ambulance is called out on average between three and four times a day – half of these shouts are usually road traffic accidents but we also assist people hurt in the home or in industrial incidents.

"We are online 365 days a year and follow-

ing statistics which showed air ambulances made a difference in only three per cent of incidents we put doctors on board.

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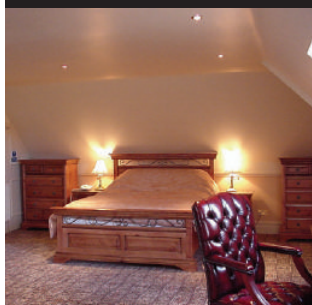
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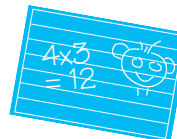
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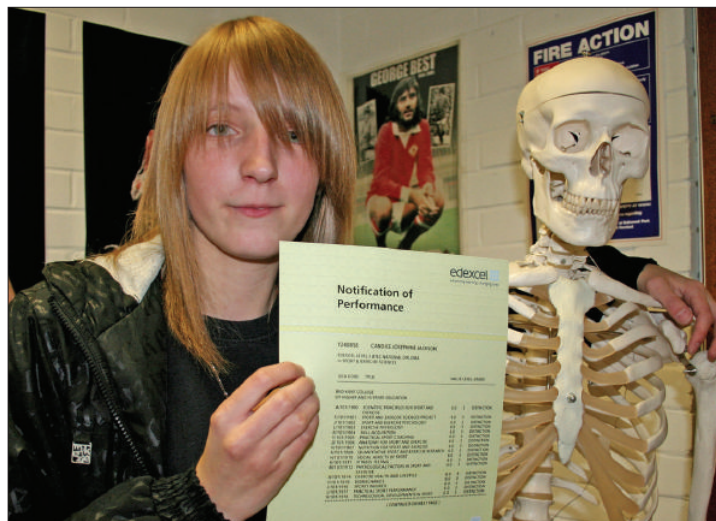
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Top marks show youngster is a very good sport



TOP OF THE CLASS: Candice proudly displays the results which have earned her a place at Loughborough

DETERMINED student Candice Jackson has earned a place on one of the most prestigious sports degrees in the country after passing her BTEC National Diploma with distinctions in every unit.

The driven pupil, from Walderslade, was offered a conditional place at Loughborough University, after she gained a straight set of top grades in her first year at Mid Kent College.

However, the offer demanded the 18-year-old repeat this feat in her second year.

While some may have been put off by such a tall order, Candice rose to the challenge, achieving top marks for all 18 units of the demanding National Diploma, including sports psychology, coaching, physiology, biomechanics and a research project in which she investigated the fitness levels of semi-professional footballers in Kent.

She said: "I'm proud to have been accepted onto such a prestigious degree. I felt really passionate about my National Diploma so it was always my aim to achieve a distinction for every unit of the course, even before I had the university place to motivate me."

Sports lecturer Neil Hemstead said he was proud of Candice's achievement, saying: "The BTEC National Diploma is a demanding programme, yet Candice showed she was motivated and driven."

"She kept up with every element of the

BY SIMON ROBINSON

course, including both practical and written assignments.

"Without fail she always produced work to a very high standard. To do this consistently over a period of two years showed a clear dedication to the course and her aspirations for the future."

"Being accepted onto a sports degree at Loughborough – arguably the top sports university in the country – is no mean feat."

"Candice is the first Mid-Kent College student to have been accepted there and she should be congratulated for such a remarkable achievement. We wish her all the best for what looks to be a promising future."

Candice said she has no definite plans for a future career and is fully focused on continuing her education.

She said: "The experience of learning is much more important to me than my future career, and I'm not motivated by the thought of earning lots of money."

"Once I've completed my first degree I want to gain a masters degree and then a PhD in exercise physiology, so it looks like I'm going to be living on a student budget for a good few years to come."

The ambitious teenager currently volunteers at Swallows Football Club soccer school, where she coaches children aged between four and eight.

BREAK TIME

Digging into training opportunity

DIGGERLAND staff will be offered courses at Mid Kent College after a deal was struck between the two organisations.

The union will see employees at H E Services, the firm behind Diggerland and H E Services Plant Hire Ltd, take up a range of qualifications.

Chairman Hugh Robert Edeleanu said: "I believe that by offering employees the chance to gain a nationally recognised qualification that relates directly to their job, we are securing the futures of both our business, and our staff."

College assessors will design and deliver NVQs in a range of subjects related to employees' day-jobs. The same training will then be rolled out across the country at 12 plant hire depots and the Yorkshire, Durham and Devon Diggerlands.

Mid-Kent College principal Stephen Grix said: "Schemes like Train to Gain and



EDUCATIONAL: Mid-Kent College's business development manager Jacqui Brown and Hugh Robert Edeleanu, chairman of H E Services Group shake on the groundbreaking deal

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But winter's on the way and that means storms. And no matter how efficient our ferries

are, they can't sail in bad weather and that means delays – which means Operation Stack just gets bigger.

Factor in our militant French chums, who are prepared to strike and blockade Calais at the drop of a chapeau, then we have the potential for Operation Stack and the subsequent chaos to close sections of the M20 for weeks at a time.

Kent County Council went into overdrive within hours of the Channel Tunnel fire, reassuring us that a lorry park will be completed some time in the dim and distant, which will take all those nasty, smelly trucks off our roads in times of delay.

Two things with that. Firstly, nobody but nobody actually wants a massive concrete parking lot near their home.

Secondly, and worse than that, as I drove in the opposite direction past miles of parked trucks between Ashford and Maidstone two days after the fire, the sheer numbers brought home how huge any facility would have to be.

And what will it be used for when Stack is not in place? And, of course, who will pay for it?

Obviously the answer is you, no matter how it's dressed up.

Even without problems crossing the Channel, the lay-bys, side roads and industrial estates of Kent are jam-packed every night with sleeping truckers who think it's all right to leave behind their rubbish, including their toilet waste (just ask any of the occupants of units on any of Ashford's industrial estates what greets them every morning).

During Stack, despite our boys in blue ensuring there's a Portaloos every 400 yards (far too far for a lazy driver to walk as he prepares to bed down) truckers do exactly the same along our motorways when they are waiting, except there's just so much more of it.

So remember, if you are unlucky enough to break down on the M20 on one of those rare occasions it's actually open for you to use, be careful where you stand along the hard shoulder as you wait for the AA to turn up.

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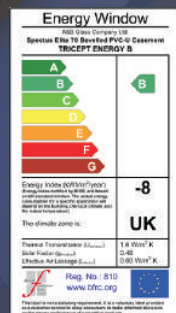


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Set long before Peter Pan and the Lost Boys soared into Neverland, the world's most beloved fairy and her friends were bringing their own special magic to the world and now you can get a sprinkling of fairy dust with this spectacular full-length animated movie filled with magic and adventure, with the release of the DVD on November 10.

We have three backpacks with goodies to giveaway courtesy of Disney and The Woodland Trust.

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Question: What is the name of the most famous Lost Boy?

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 - b) Peter Pan
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TALK TIME

BARRY ARCHER

The instructor talks about Medway Karate, the battle to include the martial art in the Olympics and his opinion on the fight of all fights



Tell us a little about yourself and Medway Karate. I started judo in 1965 and have practised karate since 1970. It was one of the first karate clubs in the towns.

I hold the grade of 4th Dan Wado-style karate. Medway Karate is a group of clubs whose main purpose is to practise the traditional art of karate. We offer membership, licensing and insurance to any bona fide group wishing to join us.

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Karate, along with other sports and disciplines, does improve fitness, awareness and confidence. Martial arts in Medway are very popular; it is an excellent sport and form of self-defence.

One of the biggest attractions is the movies. We've had Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan, and now there's Kung Fu Panda.

Kids want to emulate these movies, which helps keeps the attraction going. We are now trying to get karate in the Olympics - that would be a big boost for our sport.

Who would win in a fight, Bruce Lee or Chuck Norris?

My money would go on Norris. Lee was incredibly gifted but Norris was also a fighter, a world champion at full-contact karate. He was also bigger and, generally speaking, a good big one will beat a good small one.

Norris walked the walk and put his title - and his chin - on the line many times. Lee was a fantastic martial artist and innovator.

YOUR LETTERS

CPS defends decision to take Hoo 6 to court



Damaging verdict makes no sense

Does the perverse verdict reached by the Kingsnorth jury mean that I can, with impunity, go to the homes of the six defendants and paint pro-coal messages on their walls?

From their statements since the trial they appear to think that they now have carte blanche to cause whatever damage they like to Kingsnorth.

I just hope the jury at their next trial will show more common sense.

Peter Hayward, Hoo, by email.

Snakey should be treated with care

I really hope no-one in their infinite wisdom, aka stupidity, kills this beautiful animal.

I'd whack him first, then ask questions

In response to Wendy Holmes' letter about Snakey still being on the loose (Yourmedway, September 10.)



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She calls people "stupid" who would seek to kill it. I am by far, not stupid, but if a snake came into my garden it would be killed first, then I find

out which maniac let it loose. These snakes are not indigenous and as such are a danger to pets and young children. Let us not forget that even

London zoo gassed all its snakes at the start of World War Two to prevent them escaping and causing a danger to the public.

Mr K J Read, Hoo.

Who will be the queen of teens?



Pretty faces lift economic gloom

It's good to see the number of lovely girls in Kent, as demonstrated with your queen of the teens story last week.

In these days of doom and gloom, when everyone seems to be complaining about the credit crunch and lack of money, this sort of light-hearted news is always very cheering.

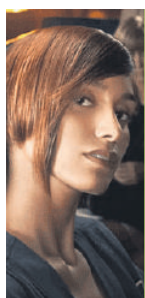
Nigel Hamilton, by email

More information needed on girls' jab

I am sure readers have seen the recent reports that the NHS plans to vaccinate girls against the HPV virus to reduce cases of cervical cancer.

I welcome this vaccination programme. Anything that can reduce the number of women who go through the trauma of fighting cancer can only be a good thing.

I do, however, have concerns about the lack of information



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that has been made available to parents.

The local NHS trust has rightly ensured that people are aware of the vaccinations but has failed to answer questions such as: which age groups will be eligible; and when the vaccination programme will be rolled out.

These questions need to be addressed so parents and the girls due to be vaccinated have the information they need before the girls get the jab.

Cllr Cathy Sutton,
Gillingham North Ward, by email

An energetic reply to doctorate query

Bill Hyde enquires as to the nature of my doctorate (letters, September 17).

My doctoral thesis is on Austria's nuclear power prohibition law and European Union membership.

For the doctorate, I researched Austrian, European and international law on energy in general and nuclear energy in particular.

Part of my research involved looking at liability for damage caused by nuclear accidents, both in nuclear power stations and during transport of radioactive materials.

I also researched the incidence of accidents in nuclear reactors worldwide. Unlike this country, Austria has a nuclear prohibition law which forbids the country from generating nuclear power or storing nuclear waste or weapons anywhere on Austrian territory.

A wonderful example that the rest of Europe could learn from – we

could have a nuclear-free Europe!

On a personal level I already have solar water heating on my roof and would like to add photovoltaic panels (solar electricity) as soon as I can afford it.

Wind power is more suited to institutions such as schools and hospitals rather than private homes, which is why I am advocating it for our schools to cut their energy bills.

If Mr Hyde wants further information, he can contact the Kent Energy Centre on 0800 358 6669.

Dr Hazel Dawe,
Kent Green Party, by email



Unsung heroes who improve our society

It's good to see the police are honouring those volunteers who make a difference in our community.

Too often people who want to take an interest in what goes on around them are labelled "do-gooders" and branded as "interfering".

This is quite clearly not the case. People who want to help others cannot fail to have a beneficial effect on those around them.

It is time we all recognised this and did our bit to support and honour such unsung heroes.

Penelope Greene, Rochester, by email

Greed lies at root of credit crunch woes

That the economy is suffering can be put down to one thing and one thing only – greed.

The investment bankers who sold mortgages to people who could never afford them and piled up cash advances which could never be repaid, all in the name of their own bonuses, are the ones we have to blame for this misery.

No wonder hard-pressed ordinary wage-earners have so little confidence in the banking system when rogue traders can cost them their jobs and homes.

Mike Abbot, by email

Spare a thought for animal welfare

I love food and think it is important that we think about what we eat, where it comes from and how it is produced.

More than 900 million animals are reared for food every year. If we want them to enjoy a higher standard of welfare, we all need to do our bit. September 22-28 is RSPCA Freedom Food Farm Animal Week.

The charity wants us all to think more about where our meat, poultry, fish, eggs and dairy products come from and to persuade us to choose welfare-friendly products, such as those with the Freedom Food logo.

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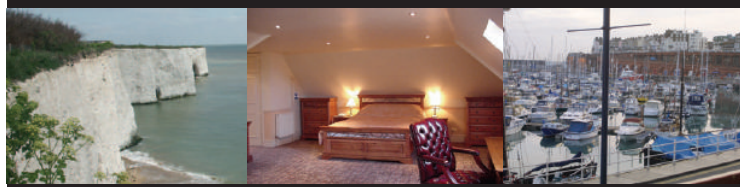
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It is also in a locality rich in history – the nearby church has some of the best horse brasses in the country.

But the pub itself is still one of the major attractions locally, with its food being popular with discerning diners throughout Medway and beyond.

It has been in business for the

past seven years and the privately run family concern has a loyal following among its regulars and is attracting new fans all the time.

Rod Hull was once a frequent visitor to an establishment that prides itself on competitive prices for high quality food – steak and kidney pie with suet pastry is always a favourite when it comes to a satisfying meal.

Meetings of clubs and organisations, visits from walkers and a regular haunt of the local Age Concern group show the pub has

a true community feel and is a focal point of village life when all too many small establishments in out of town areas are falling by the wayside.

The staff all know that hard working staff, combined with a friendly atmosphere, quality of food at the right price and a relaxed ambience are all things which people will want to return to time and time again.

The pub is open from 11am to 2.30pm and 6pm to 11pm from Monday to Saturday and from noon until 3.30pm on Sundays.



Feel the vibe at the Village

■ Village Hotel

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The Victory is a traditional pub within the hotel and offers a great choice of quality beers alongside a choice of wine and pub food.

Meanwhile Verve Grill has a wide range of fresh, modern, European dishes with regular menu changes to keep both staff and customers on their toes – and waiting for the latest treat.

Then there is the ever popular Sunday Best – a four course carvery lunch which costs just £13.95 – and diners can fill up their plates



with good food as many times as they want.

Chef Paul Rutter displays passion and commitment when it comes to food and has the right balance when it comes to individuality and the team – making for a happy kitchen.

Because of the facilities on offer many people decide to go no further than the village when it comes to a full leisure experience.

David White, deputy general manager, has

16 years experience in the trade throughout London and the south east.

He said: “We are now taking bookings for Christmas – it’s a time for giving our customers more at Village Maidstone. There is so much festive fun to enjoy so whether you fancy dancing the night away or the perfect family Christmas dinner we can provide it – and more.”

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Set in war-torn France, the popular BBC sitcom ran for more than 85 episodes.

The last episode was broadcast in 1992, with a reunion special last year, but now the farcical antics of René Artois and the motley characters who surround him has been brought to the stage.

Jeffrey Holland, former star of Hi-de-Hi!, takes over the role made famous by Gordon Kaye as the put-upon café owner. Vicki Michelle will return to her role as Yvette the sexy waitress who can't keep her hands off her boss while new actors will fill the roles of René's tone-deaf wife Edith, waitress Mimi, the drawling Officer Crabtree, Michelle of the French Resistance and his other well-known patrons.

The play follows one of the series' most famous storylines involving the legendary Fallen Madonna with the Big Boobies, a priceless painting by Van Klomp.

Stolen by German Colonel Von Strohm, René has been forced to hide it in a sausage in his cellar on the Colonel's behalf. While René and Edith attempt to keep the portrait for themselves, it is also wanted by Hitler who dispatches Gestapo agent Otto Flick to recover it.

Juggles

Trying to safeguard the painting is the least of René's problems, as he finds himself juggling the attentions of his two attractive waitresses.

Keeping his affairs with both secret from Edith causes him plenty of stress, but the French Resistance, led by Michelle, also makes demands on his time and sanity.

Embroidered in continuing failed attempts to return two bumbling British airmen to England, the Resistance constantly calls on René to risk life and limb to help them.

René dreads the moment when Michelle arrives in her beret and raincoat and, leaning close, hisses: "Listen very carefully, I will say ziz only once..."

Aided by the incompetent Englishman Crabtree, disguised as a gendarme and struggling with his terrible French - "Good moaning" - René battles to keep his head, his café and his life as he juggles the demands of his family, friends and the occupying forces.

Say 'bonjour' to the most wanted man in France when 'Allo 'Allo visits the Orchard Theatre next week.

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O'Connor recently announced he would be leaving the Channel 4 quiz Countdown in the autumn, though he has built up one of the most successful television careers of any performer worldwide.

Despite being the butt of jokes at the hands of Morecambe and Wise for years, O'Connor has sold more than 16 million records and will soon be releasing his 36th album.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £23.50/£21.50. To book call the box office on 01474 337774.



MEDWAY LEISURE

Jim Davidson to return to Central Theatre

CONTROVERSIAL comedian Jim Davidson returns to Chatham.

The irrepressible comic is back on the road and heading for Medway. Often in the firing line for his near-the-knuckle gags, Davidson has delighted audiences for 30 years.

He will be at the Central Theatre at 7.30pm on Thursday, October 2. Tickets cost £19.50/£18. Over under-18s only. To book call 01634 338338 or visit www.medway.gov.uk/theatres.

It's time to find your baggy trousers for gig

MADNESS will be rife at the Beacon Court Tavern when top tribute act One Step Behind performs.

Formed in 1993, the band has been praised by Madness saxophone player Lee Thompson who has joined them onstage a few times. Find out more at www.myspace.com/onestepbehinduk.

The gig starts at the pub in Canterbury Street, Gillingham, at 8pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £6. To book or find out more visit www.beaconcourttavern.com.

Talented musician goes acoustic at Oasthouse

LUKE Jackson will be appearing at the Oasthouse in Granary Close, Rainham, this weekend.

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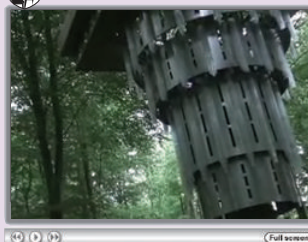
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THAILAND'S most exotic export can be enjoyed in the form of The Lady Boys of Bangkok.

Sixteen beautiful show girls with fabulous costumes and immaculate make-up – and each one a man – will transport the audience to the pulsating heart of Bangkok's nightlife for one night only. Devils and Angels is a sensational new show to celebrate the group's 10th UK tour, featuring everything from a

Spice Girls tribute to Broadway showstoppers.

The Lady Boys have produced the top selling show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival for the last four years, taking audiences on an exhilarating journey from the seductively sexy to the outrageously funny. Acclaimed as a brilliant party night out, the colourful and highly entertaining shows have become a huge hit with people of both sexes. The two-hour show promises an evening of unforgettable entertainment from 'the girls'.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £18/£17. Call the box office on 01322 220000 or see www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

CRANFORD COSTUME DISPLAY

Running until December 3
Dickens World, Chatham



THE gentle world of 19th century rural Cheshire is celebrated in a new exhibition of costumes.

Outfits worn by some of Britain's most respected actors in the BBC series Cranford are now on display at Dickens World. The hugely popular adaptation of Elizabeth Gaskell's novel about life in a country town starred renowned actors such as Dame Judy Dench, Francesca Annis, Eileen Atkins, Imelda Staunton, Greg Wise and Simon Woods. Gaskell was admired by Charles Dickens, who edited and published some of her work. Set in 1842/3, Cranford follows the trivial day-to-day events and bigger dramas in a rural town dominated by women.

More finely detailed costumes will go on display in January from the new adaptation of Dickens' Little Dorrit, due to be aired in November. The exhibition will feature period clothes worn by stars such as Tom Courtenay, Amanda Redman and Robert Hardy.

A special episode of Cranford is due to be broadcast at Christmas 2009. For more information see www.dickensworld.co.uk.



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Check out the latest styles in fashion show

FIND out what fashion trends should be in your wardrobe this autumn/winter at The Mall Chequer's fashion show.

Models will be strutting their stuff throughout the day at the Maidstone shopping centre on October 4 in four separate shows, displaying the latest womenswear, menswear and accessories.

Most of the items modelled will come from stores in the Mall, including Miss Selfridge, TJ Hughes, Phones 4 U, Sports World, BHS and Next.

For more details call 01622 691130.

Extravaganza is perfect place to plan your day

BRIDES-to-be can make the arrangements for their big day slightly less stressful by visiting the Wedding Extravaganza this weekend.

More than 100 exhibitors will be at Paddock Wood Hop Farm on Sunday showcasing everything you could possibly need on your wedding day.

Even if you just want ideas you can watch the professional fashion shows and get advice from experts at the event from 10.30am until 4pm.

Call 01795 844449 for details.

Have a night in and you could be styled by Gok

LADIES can treat themselves to a 'Girl's Night In' of shopping and beauty treatments at Dorothy Perkins.

From 4pm tomorrow shoppers at the Bluewater store can indulge in a bit of late night shopping with a glass of Lambrini and a 20 per cent discount.

Complimentary manicures and makeovers will be available, as well as a live DJ in the store.

Customers can also enter a competition with the chance to win a style consultation with celebrity stylist Gok Wan.

Meet king of the jungle when he signs books

FMA Celebrity winner Christopher Biggins will be signing his new autobiography at Waterstone's this weekend.

The much-loved TV and theatre actor will be at the Bluewater store at noon on Saturday.

The comedian talks about his childhood and rise to fame in his new book, plus his time in the Australian jungle with fellow celebrities in the ITV show.

Just Biggins is published in hardback by John Blake and priced at £18.99.



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YOUR TV REVIEW

MASSIVE
BBC Three, 10.30pm, Monday
QUESTION TIME
BBC One, 10.35pm, Thursday

■ BY TOM BETTS

BBC Three has hardly become a must-watch, national institution since its launch in 2003.

Aside from the now sadly departed and excellent Australian import Summer Heights High, most of the channel's schedule is TV-lite aimed at teenagers and I can count the number of good shows on the fingers of one hand.

But now I may have to get the other hand out as they have a charming winner in Massive.

This new sitcom sees two northern lads living out any discerning New Order fan's dream and setting up a record label of their own using £10,000 left to them in a nan's will.

The dearth of talent in their locality does not bode too well for the newly formed, and fittingly named, Shady Records who sign brazen, huge-bosomed podgy girl duo Here Kitty Kitty.

Putting their faith in the two gobby lasses screams desperation rather than expectation, but it's a clever little plot device, adding a bit of chemistry as well as humour.

Scuttling about in their snot-coloured Austin Allegro, even though this is still set in the present, best friends and fresh-faced label bosses Danny (Ralf Little) and Shay (Carl Rice) have a certain air of a Likely Lad skiving off work with a Gallagher brother, about them.

Among others, episode one held this deadpan gem: "So why did you get out of the music biz then?", Shay asks his ne'er-do-well dad Tony, played



LAUGH OUT LOUD: Ralf Little plays record label boss Danny in the BBC Three comedy Massive

by Johnny Vegas.

"I dunno, I think I just preferred stealing," came the honest self-assessment.

Catch part three of this excellent little prospect on Monday night, it deserves a bigger audience than it is probably getting.

And if you missed parts one and two, there's always BBC iPlayer for catching up in you're quick.

From the light to the more heavy duty, as perennial news debate show Question Time has returned for a new run.

With Gordon Brown looking like a Prime Minister on his last legs, the economy in freefall faster than Usain Bolt heading for the finish line, it should be a livelier than normal series.

The Beeb has lived it up in recent years with appearances from non politicians like Ian Hislop, David Mitchell and Marcus Brigstocke who usually show that if you're not bowing to the whims of focus groups every ten minutes, a little common sense can go a long way.

You may well enjoy it more than you would have first thought.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

EXPANDING your horizons makes you rely on your intuition more. That's what happens when you don't have experience to guide you. At times you'll make mistakes, but they'll prove to be valuable learning experiences. The most impressive name isn't necessarily the best one.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU'LL be working extra hard this week, attending to the thousands of details involved with a big project. This is one of those times where you have to be picky and demanding. People may not appreciate your exacting standards, but they will ultimately benefit from them.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR mind will be going a mile a minute. You're starting to reconsider whether the way you've been doing things is best for your current situation. Learning how to operate a machine or use a software programme could save you lots of time and money.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

BREAKING through a creative block could just be a matter of tuning into your subconscious. Pay attention to your dreams, they might give you a valuable clue about your next move. If you think you don't dream, it's just because you're not trained to remember your night visions.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOU'RE feeling especially sexy and alluring this week. Attracting romantic attention will be no trouble at all. Your problem will be fending off unwanted lovers. If you're already in a relationship, this would be a good week to inject some extra passion into the mix.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THE idea of leaving a legacy has been playing on your mind. The important thing is to leave your mark on the world. Normally, you don't think in such serious terms, but this week could prove the exception to the rule. You're starting to realise you have been given unique gifts.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

MONEY matters will be your fiscal focus this week. It's very possible you're not being paid enough for your services. If your current employers aren't willing to pay what you're worth, look for a job elsewhere. A relative may try to pressure you to fit in with some arbitrary standard.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

GETTING involved with a humanitarian endeavour is a great idea. Recently, you've felt cut off from your fellow man, but this can be quickly changed once you join a charitable organisation. Working on behalf of those who need help will give you a renewed sense of purpose.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

IT won't be possible to make a move by yourself. You need help at every juncture. It's not very easy for you to admit you are overwhelmed, but do it anyway. People will be glad to come to your rescue. After all, you've had a long history of helping others out of jams.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

HAVING a secure base of operations has always been essential to your well-being. A bank loan could make all the difference. Moving in with a lover or having a child will make you even more determined to create a cosy comfortable cocoon of domestic life.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'VE never looked or felt better. The confidence you radiate opens doors that were previously closed to you. If you've been thinking of changing your appearance, do so, but avoid permanent changes like piercings or tattoos just in case you change your mind in times to come.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

You're always interested in advancing your career, but you'll be especially focussed on success and progress this week. Perhaps an authority figure has stepped down, leaving a position open for you. Maybe you'll get wind of a job at an organisation you've always wanted to work for.

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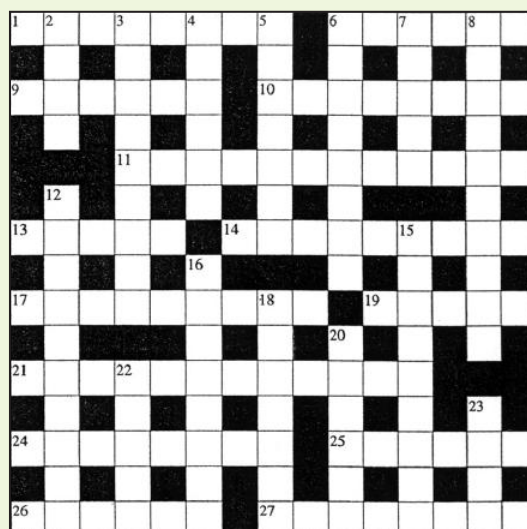
ACROSS

- 1 Athlete's rehearsal? (5,3)
- 6 Flexible western dropout (6)
- 9 Guarantee one will give personal assurance (6)
- 10 Teaching pupils individually under guardianship (8)
- 11 Map of Waterloo? (4,2,6)
- 13 Lisa acquainted with inner man (5)
- 14 Clinging to such a garment (9)
- 17 Newspaper about to be put back by dictionary (9)
- 19 Moved along the English (5)
- 21 Give up TV for a toy (4-2-3)
- 24 I mark and log off the weight (8)
- 25 Boots I repaired for an instrumentalist (6)
- 26 Means business (6)
- 27 Gesture without words during pantomime (8)

DOWN

- 2 Split about four on the inside (4)
- 3 Does it fly under water or skid out of control in wet conditions? (9)
- 4 You cannot do this if it hasn't been warm previously (6)
- 5 Clear musical composition on grid (7)
- 6 Notice colour that hasn't dried (3,5)
- 7 Small detached area has tenants (5)
- 8 Compartment offering means of escape for bird first? (10)
- 12 Glance as it moves increasing rapidly (10)
- 15 Harmless beast entering pub promises to pay (9)
- 16 A stringy variety of fish (8)
- 18 Lately brought to light? (7)
- 20 Out in the garden perhaps (6)
- 22 Understood to be familiar (5)
- 23 Look after ducks in northern city (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 School holiday (4-4)
- 6 One owing money (6)
- 9 Motorboat (6)
- 10 Autumn month (8)
- 11 Signalling (12)
- 13 Sap (5)
- 14 Face the east (9)
- 17 Alpine flower (9)
- 19 Glib plausible talk (5)
- 21 Demagogue (6-6)
- 24 Stirred up public interest (8)
- 25 Refashion (6)
- 26 Soft breeze (6)
- 27 Dawn (8)

DOWN

- 2 Aside (4)
- 3 Very enthusiastic (9)
- 4 Breathe out (6)
- 5 Director (7)
- 6 Turned aside (8)
- 7 Official documents (5)
- 8 Each other (3,7)
- 12 Rectangular court (10)
- 15 High society (3-6)
- 16 Defector (8)
- 18 Rebuked (7)
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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No54

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QUICK SOLUTION No55

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2. Steve Furlong - Close (Birchington)
3. D-Finitive - Space (Tenterden)
4. Kayley Weller - Tonight Is Going To Be Our Night (Deal)
5. Ron Bowdry - Strange Sights On Bluebell Hill (New Eltham)

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Instrumentally rocking

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

ONE of the joys of contemporary popular music is there is something for everyone.

Cowboys and square dancers have country music, students have acid house, teenage girls have bubblegum pop and masochists have Take That.

Of course, the number of sub-genres branching off the mainstream pop, rock, indie, rap categories runs into the thousands, catering for every music fan's particular taste.

With this in mind, I bring you the county's leading self-titled 'instrumental stoner rockers' Sons of Alpha Centauri, guest band on The Ether.

Quite how big the instrumental stoner rock scene extends is anyone's guess, but SOAC are leading the way in Kent.

The Swale-based quartet, named after the brightest star in the constellation Centaurus and the third brightest star visible from Earth, have established themselves as pioneers of progressive, layered riff rock since forming in 2001.

Their focus is on recording complex, musical landscapes, drawing influences from the worlds of classic rock through to avant-garde experimentation.

Despite their epic sound, bassist Nick Hannon said writing was not an overly long-winded process: "Song writing is not difficult at all for us really. When we have exhausted all emotion in a concept thread then the track concludes naturally."

"Revisions are occasionally made to tracks for live performance but often we'll find the writing process is ongoing and non-exhaustive due to the wide spectrum of styles and experimental ideas we incorporate into our sound."

"We don't work within boundaries."

Nick added that the band were much happier in the studio than on the road, keeping the band true to their 'artistic integrity over commercial gain' ethos.

He said: "Writing new material and keeping it real is the way forward for this band. We



RARE: Sons of Alpha Centauri hardly ever play live, with their upcoming gig being their only one this year

don't play live much at all – it's not a priority – well at least not at the moment anyway.

"Some bands have just four songs and play a hundred shows. We'd rather play four shows and have a hundred songs."

"That way we guarantee each show will be unique and never again replicated."

SOAC fans will be pleased to hear the band is due to play their first gig in 18 months – and their only show this year – in Sheerness in December.

Nick said the next step was to release an album, saying: "We've got a new album coming out soon which is a collaboration with Yawning Man from the United States and it's some pretty groundbreaking material in the instrumental arena."

"That band has influenced a lot of instrumental acts around the world so working with them was pretty inspirational."

• For more details about the band and their new album, visit www.sonsofalphacentauri.co.uk.

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Improving now easier as Flint relaxes the planning laws

THE Government has relaxed planning permission rules for home-owners looking to build extensions.

Under the changes, people planning to extend for the first time will be able to do so without needing to pay to up to £1,000 to be granted specific planning permission.

As a result, some 80,000 of all householder applications will be removed from the planning system each year.

However, larger extension will still need permission.

Housing minister Caroline Flint said: "I am scrapping the red tape so it is much easier to convert the loft into that extra bedroom and build on an extension."

"Often people grow out of the family home, but now those who don't really want to move will find it easier to improve instead."

Want to save £15,000 on stamp duty?

BARRATT, the UK's largest house-builder is offering incentives to new home-buyers.

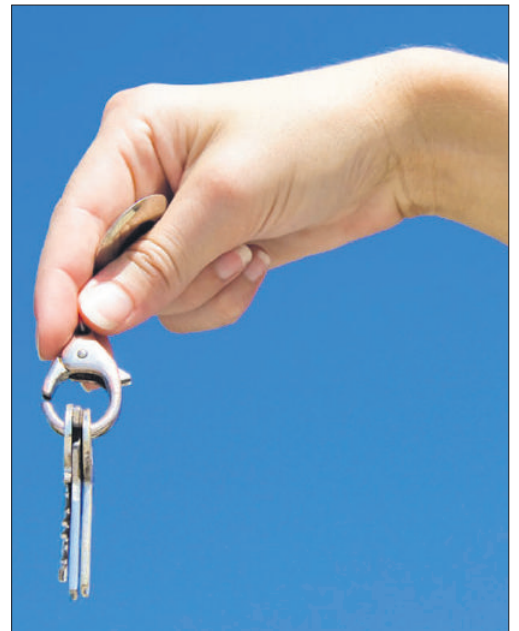
Following on from the Government's decision to implement a stamp duty holiday on properties up to a value of £175,000, Barratt is offering to pay the three per cent stamp duty charged on new Barratt homes worth between £250,000 and £300,000.

This initiative could save buyers up to £15,000 on the purchase.

In addition, Barratt will pay the one per cent levy imposed when buyers select a home worth between £175,000 and £250,000.

The incentives offered also include the promise to refund any losses on a home bought between now and Christmas if the buyer sells at a loss in the next three years.

New home-buyers have a good deal to shout about



HARD SELL: Building work on new homes has slowed... but incentives and price cuts mean keys to a brand new house have become increasingly tempting

Incentives could be key to getting on property ladder

HOME-builder Redrow is the latest to launch incentives to tempt buyers.

While builders across the county have been slashing prices on new homes – you can buy a two-bedroom home brand new in Herne Bay for under £100,000 – Redrow says that with a range of help, advice and incentives available under the badge of 'reassurance', those who do make the move now can find some excellent value in the market.

The credit crunch has hit the business nationwide, but some areas, including Kent, have seen a less dramatic drop in prices due to desirability of residence and a market which was not overstretched to begin with.

But as the market slowed some areas report

■ BY NICK AMES

it's not all bad – one estate agent in Cheriton sold five houses in a week, which is better than last year.

Redrow is typical of new home builders anxious to ensure the housing market continues to expand and aggressive marketing will see continued competition for the buyers hard-won mortgage cash.

Neil Fitzsimmons, chief executive of Redrow, said: "It's a time of opportunity for home-buyers to take advantage of attractive deals that are currently available and secure themselves a brand new home that will also save them money on heating and fuel bills."

"Our ability to help with a deposit, stamp duty and other moving costs, to maybe take a customer's existing property in part-exchange, or allowing them to defer up to 25 per cent of the initial purchase price for up to 10 years on selected plots, gives new homes the edge over the secondhand market."

"We are offering confident solutions to any barriers to purchase. At a time of rising energy prices, new homes have been shown to save people up to £556 per annum on fuel costs – and that was before the latest large increase in gas and electricity costs."

"Those savings will go a long way to help increase the amount of money people can have in their pockets or help pay the mortgage," he added.

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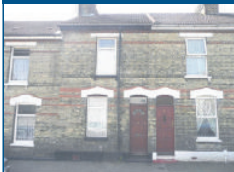
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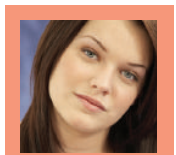


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Professional female, 43, enjoys dancing, walking, reading and cooking. WLTm an intelligent professional male, who can hold a good conversation, for a relationship. Box 444282

MISS JULIE
Bubbly blonde, 44, stupid and like having a laugh, good company, friendship, would like to meet new friends for hopeful love... Box 888162

DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)
Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 403384

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Pettie, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTm N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

A MOMENT LIKE THIS
Divorced female, 45, loyal, funny, curvaceous and very romantic, WLTm a faithful and funny guy for a relationship. Box 889366

SOULMATE SOUGHT
African descent female, 45, 5ft6, full figure, radiant, happy, attractive, loves music, theatre, travel, the arts, WLTm gentleman who is cultured, kind, solvent and fun. Box 443998

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN
Socialable female, 41, attractive & slim, looking for a honest, chilled guy who has time to spare and share! Box 887484

TOO MUCH TO ASK?
Genuine female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music etc, seeks male, 35-42, for romance. Box 155275

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTm a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102

CAN YOU BE MY KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR?
Young looking 40yr old, 5ft7, green eyes, loves cinema, theatre, meals, cosy nights in, music, DVDs, seeking honest, loyal, good-looking male 35-45 with similar interests. Box 442999

LOVE AND HUGS REQUIRED
Fun-loving, curvaceous 42yr old, sports loving, slightly 'mad', lots of love to give, suffering from neglect. Needing TLC and hugs... can you help? Box 887854

TAKE A CHANCE
Caring, loving, attractive female, 41, N/S, size 12, enjoys keeping fit, most things, seeks romantic, passionate, tall, good looking male, 35-42, for LTR. Eastbourne. Box 807291

ATTRACTION BRUNETTE
Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378

CALL ME...
Honest caring lady, 43, single mum, medium build, blue-green eyes, streaked blonde hair, likes swimming, reading, cooking, winning, dining. WLTm fun-loving male for love. Box 442211

HOPE YOU FIT THE BILL...
Non-smoking Mum with GSOH, 50, 5ft3, blue eyes, medium-large build, loves music, gym, going out, travel, seeking down-to-earth, sincere guy. Box 442821

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Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, I will need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make LTR. Box 895240

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Pettie, bubbly, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

READ BETWEEN THE LINES
Blonde, 49, 5ft4, brown eyes, slim, enjoys music, dancing, dining in/out and gardening. GSOH, shy at first. Looking for honest man for friendship, maybe more. Box 904969

COAST AND COUNTRY
Hi, I'm a kind female, 52, slim, 5ft3, dark hair. I like music, dancing, reading, coast, countryside. Seeking kind, genuine man, 45-50, for LTR. Box 430032

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE
Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming. WLTm similar loving male. Box 434642

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Very young looking female, 53, 5ft6, slim, hazel eyes, wicked GSOH, loves the coast, sea, country, socialising, seeking fun-loving man for laughter and love. Box 444138

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Hi, I'm Sue, 53, 5ft4, 14, N/S, enjoys walks and meals in/out, seeking a male to find happiness with. Box 443334

SOPHISTICATED
Sue, 56yr old, 5ft4, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming. WLTm a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship, romance. Box 443309

BETWEEN US
42yr old, single woman, 56, blonde hair/brunette eyes. I like doing fun things, having a laugh, walks, nights in/out, holidays etc. Box 444546

LOVING AND GENUINE
Female, early 60s, tall, slim, modern, young thinking & very adaptable to people, own house, loves animals, walking & eating out. Hastings. Box 445052

TO MAKE EACH OTHER LAUGH
Widow, 65, 5ft3, fair hair, slim-medium build, enjoys dancing, sports, badminton, table-tennis, walking, the arts, eating out, WLTm similar male, to enjoy life with. Box 443671

Women seeking women

ROCKING RELATIONSHIP
Fun-loving female, 28, in the advertising area, short brown hair, brown eyes, looking to meet fun-loving females for potential relationship. Box 889771

CANDLELIT CUDDELES!
40-year-old woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks and cosy nights in, WLTm a gay man for friendship/relationship. Box 894544

ATTRACTIVE, BUBBLY LADY
52yrs, 5ft6, blonde, size 12 enjoys good food, music, theatre, countryside, holidays, seeking a sincere, genuine female, for friendship first, possibly relationship. Box 414143



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

FRIENDLY & DOWN-TO-EARTH
Mark, 35, attractive single dad, love spending time with my children, going to the cinema, eating out, WLTm similar female, for evening love. Gillingham. Box 443495

MORE THAN WORDS
35yr old guy, 5ft11, brown hair/eyes, a builder. I enjoy the cinema, pub, meals out, walks, swimming, cosy nights. Seeking fun woman with similar interests. Box 444429

CALL ME UP...
Civil servant, 36, caring, sharing, GSOH, brown eyes, short brown hair, 5ft11, likes the gym, pubs, travelling, reading, cooking, music, seeking female with GSOH. Box 444450

SECURITY AND WARMTH
I'm 35, 6ft, have a beautiful 3yr old little girl, very honest, caring, looking for someone I can love and make a new life with. Box 896178

GOOD SPORT
Happy, secure, sincere, honest, outgoing, adventurous, fit, fun man, 34, likes to travel, kayak surfing, skiing, WLTm compatible female for friendship, possible LTR. Box 960818

EVERYTHING I DO
Leo driver, 36yr old, 5ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading. WLTm a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430402

WORKING OVERTIME
Self-employed male, 37, 6ft1, short brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, enjoys the gym, pubs, clubs, restaurants, WLTm female for long term relationship. Box 443065

HERE I AM
I'm Stuart, 36, 6ft6, short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a fun-loving, nice lady for love and love. Box 437105

LET'S SEE IF WE CLICK
Athletic male, 38, 5ft9, brown hair, green eyes, likes the gym, stays in shape, into salsa, winning/dining, the outdoors, walks, WLTm slim female for love. Box 444414

ALWAYS YOURS
Pleasant male, 39, 6ft tall, medium build, brown hair, enjoys rock music and socialising. WLTm a genuine lady for a fun friendship, maybe romance later. Box 441326

WORKAHOLIC SEEKS COUNTRY GIRL
Hi, I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching most sports, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 889945

SIMON SAYS...
Caring single dad, 41, 5'10", average build, 5ft10, brown hair, looking for friendship evenings out, maybe more. Recently quit smoking! E Sussex. Box 963530

OPEN ARMS
Confident male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTm someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 414141

SILVER SERVICE!
Caring, understanding, not bad-looking, romantic male, 42, grey-silver hair, stocky, enjoys cooking, quiet nights in, seeks female, for romance, possible more. Box 157789

DON'T GO BEHIND MY HEART
Very easygoing, laid-back male, 43, 5ft9, slim, hard-working, likes honesty, socialising, eating out, evenings in, seeking loving, caring, honest, sincere female for love. Box 443719

COME FLY WITH ME
Honest and laid-back male, 50, 6ft4, slim/medium build, smoker, enjoys cinema, music, travel and country pubs, seeking a female 40-46 for fun, romance & LTR. Box 443869

COULD THIS BE LOVE?
I'm Phil, 43, 5'8", athletic build, good appearance, easygoing, nice guy, loyal, caring, seeking similar female 28-42 to find love with! Hastings. Box 443588

LOVE ME DO
Caring, loving male, 43, average looks, self-employed, enjoys wildlife, socialising, WLTm petite female, 30-50, for LTR. Box 444063

TRY ANYTHING ONCE
Tall chap, 44, medium build, interests: walking, reading, swimming. I would love to meet nice, honest and caring lady. Box 444566

PERFECT GENTLEMAN
Widower, 5ft10, 53, GSOH, outgoing, fairly fit, genuine, sincere, scrupulous, like clubs, music, travel, holidays, WLTm nice female, 50-59, with similar outlook. Turnbridge Wells. Box 443548

OLD ROCK N' ROLLER!
57, going on 161 I'm an easygoing male, who enjoys dancing, music, nights in/out, and would love to meet lady who likes the same. Eastbourne. Box 444431

DEAR CUDDI
Outgoing male, 47, very young-minded, enjoys sports, football, playing golf, loves nice wine, meals; seeking similar female, easygoing lady for love & happiness! Box 439524

TLC NEEDED ASAP
Genuine hard-working male, 47, slim, good looking, 5ft8, into most things... sports, pubs, meals, socialising, walking, travel... WLTm honest, loyal female, for LTR. Eastbourne. Box 444244

ALL FOR LOVE
Single guy from Kent, 47, young-looking, 5ft8, 6ft, well built (not fat), likes eating, gardening, DIY, walks, natures, WLTm E Kent female for laughs and more. Box 444507

FANCY A STROLL?
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Active male, 66 years old, looking to meet down-to-earth lady, 50-65, to share in romance, friendship, maybe more. Box 416043

HIKING UP THE MOUNTAIN
69, tall, slim, adventurous traveller, 69, loves walking, constantly on the move, seeking male for friendship, company and more. Box 444361

TACTILITY
Good-looking professional Dad, 51, 6ft, slim, dark hair, non-smoking, well travelled, enjoys sports, eating out, swimming, seeking similar female 28-42 to find love with! Hastings. Box 443588

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
Gentleman, 51, no ties, medium build, blue eyes, good-looking, genuine, caring, honest, WLTm similar female for fun, going out, nights in and maybe more. Box 443713

LOVE TODAY
Single dad, 52, enjoys cooking, pubs, sport and music. WLTm a mature and curvy lady, 40-58, for friendship and romance. Box 443272

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MOTORS NEWS



Kent Skoda dealers get Superb curtain-raiser

SKODA dealers across Kent have staged major launch events for the all-new Superb family/executive model as the Czech brand goes all out to attack the Ford Mondeo sector.

The newcomer, with its distinctive boot cum hatchback feature, also maintains Skoda's reputation for value with prices from £15,490.

Skoda has also upped the spec on its hot Octavia vRS hatchback with £1,100 of equipment including 18-inch 'Zenith' alloys, dual zone climate control, jumbo box central armrest with auxiliary MP3 socket, rear electric windows and cruise control.



Baileys' zero per cent an attractive proposition

CREDIT crunch-busting deals starting from zero per cent finance have been unveiled by Baileys Nissan of Canterbury to cover the Japanese brand's car and 4x4 ranges.

These include the multiple award-winning Qashqai crossover, the X-Trail SUV, the clever Note five-door family model and the funky and economical Micra supermini line-up (from ££6,995).

Brian Smith of Baileys Nissan said: "We're inviting customers to come along to the dealership and browse our great range of cars at competitive prices."



Deft new stroke could be a mini masterpiece

CITROËN calls its new C3 Picasso a 'baby MPV', but there are echoes of off-road styling in here as well as the rural functionality of Citroën classics such as the Dyane and Ami.

In a market now obsessed by more space and mileage for your money though, its chunky style will be rather less important than how well the long and airy cabin lives up to the versatility of Citroën's Picasso MPV sub-branding when it arrives early next year.



STANDING OUT: Daihatsu's cut-price mini people carrier the Materia has impressed many observers with its enormous interior and paltry price – starting at £10,995

Cut-price Daihatsu has us living in the Materia world

ROAD TEST DAIHATSU MATERIA

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

space as required, while reclining is not only good for adult passengers on long journeys but better for fitting child seats.

Pushing the rear seats right back and then reclining the front ones creates a decent bed settee too. Headroom and cabin storage is excellent, but the car's spaciousness – its biggest selling point – loses impact through a universally black interior.

A short overhang/long wheelbase chassis gives the Materia a decent ride and grip though it does wallow a bit on the bends when laden.

Mind you, the five-speed manual shift – a four-speed auto is also offered – is a bit too wafty for spirited driving, while the 102bhp 1.5-litre petrol engine is willing, but lets you know about it under acceleration although motorway cruising is acceptable.

The unit's 169g/km of CO2 emissions also places the car in a relatively high road tax banding costing £170/year.

The centre-mounted speedo and tiny indicator repeaters paired with a feeble audible warning do not make the driver's job easy either, but you cannot ignore the Materia's value, space or sense of fun.

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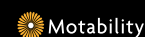
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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

MADE IN BRITAIN

WE may have lost our last major UK-owned car maker with the collapse of MG Rover, but the UK is still a major car manufacturing country. Admittedly, most cars produced here now have a Japanese badge on the front, but they generate many jobs within the car plants themselves and across a whole industry sector of homegrown suppliers. The products are also of high quality and good value and tend to soldier on well on the used market – check out this diverse yet reliable trio of leading Anglo-Japanese candidates.

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NISSAN MICRA



SUPERMINI design has become formulaic in recent years, so Nissan gains lots of credit for daring to be different with the Micra. It's an eye-catcher inside and out and facelifts have maintained its cheeky appeal. Engine options are impressive throughout the range, including some excellent Renault-sourced diesels. The Sunderland-built three and five-door line-up also includes a coupé convertible and lively and trendy Sport range with a flagship, the 160SR, to rival cars like the Mini One and Ford Zetec S.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA CR-V



HONDA's refined sports utility vehicle (SUV) enjoyed a boost when the second generation line-up gained a much needed diesel option. This helped make it more popular even though it is not quite as stylish as its predecessor. It was also more spacious and capable, drove well, and was produced to a high standard at Honda's highly efficient Swindon plant. It was replaced recently by a smarter and less utilitarian CR-V that Honda hopes will avoid the environmental backlash against 4x4s.

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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TOYOTA AVENSIS



TOYOTA has built three generations of its family car model at a plant near Derby, but the latest Avensis – following the first generation Avensis and dull Carina E – is more than just an ultra-reliable company hack with some good diesel options. There is much Lexus luxury engineering underneath, allowing the Avensis to attack the market share of the Ford Mondeo and Vauxhall Vectra. The estate drives well and carries a decent load too, though unadventurous styling keeps Avensis prices affordable.

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You will be responsible for assessing, investigating and promoting applications to add and amend public rights of way in accordance with the relevant legislation. You will be expected to liaise with the public, landowners and solicitors, carry out site inspections/ meetings, historical research and attend Public Inquiries and Magistrates Courts when necessary.

The post carries a high-volume workload so you will have an eye for detail and the ability to juggle numerous competing priorities and adapt readily to the use of new technology. You will also be a team player, educated to HND/Degree level or equivalent in a related subject. The post requires a high level of motivation, good knowledge of rights of way law and practice and related countryside access issues along with excellent organisational and communication skills. Ref: ER/08/0114

For more information, please call Laura Wilkins on 01622 221517.

To apply, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs Alternatively,
please email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk or call
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Closing date: Midday, 9th October 2008.
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This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious and talented colleague to join our Team. Building upon the success of the Montgomery School during its final years, Spires had a very good first year. Year 7 numbers have doubled, GCSE results with English and Maths shot up from 18% to 32%, and there is a real sense of optimism in our community, a 'can do' mentality.

Maths results last year were the best of the core subjects, testimony to the quality of teaching and organisation of the curriculum. There is, however, real potential for improvement as well as the opportunity to teach at Sixth Form level through our link with the Marlowe Academy.

Potential candidates are encouraged to visit the school as part of the application process.

Please email our Personnel Manager, Marion Wigington, on
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Closing date: 10.00am on Friday 10th October
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Mid-Kent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

**Learner Advisor**

Ref: P0131

Full-time/part-time/Job Share position
£11,599 - £17,200 pro rata

This is an exciting opportunity to join the Learner Services team as a Learner Advisor. The successful applicant will work in a front line area supporting existing and prospective learners whilst working with college staff to provide an excellent service. Initial sign-posting to internal and external agencies, good administration and I.T. skills, a flexible approach and the ability to work under pressure are all requisites for this customer focused position.

Personal Tutor

Ref: P0005

(Full-time, Part-time & Fixed-term)
£19,736 - £25,441 pro-rata

We currently have a number of opportunities for full-time and part-time Personal Tutors. As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification. When applying, please state clearly your preferred role.

**Departmental
Secretary/Administrator**

Ref: P0108

Salary: £11,599 to £17,200

The candidate will be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge of administration procedures and have excellent organisational and IT skills. Due to the nature of the role the successful candidate will be required to work independently.

Hourly Paid Facilitators

Ref: SE01

Hourly Rate: £8.93 (£9.98 including holiday component)

We are looking to appoint hourly paid Facilitators to work with individuals/groups of learners on curriculum support programmes devised by the curriculum staff and/or CAST Tutors. A clear empathy for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities and good communication skills are essential.

Technician in Beauty

Ref: P0559

£11,599 - £17,200

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated individual to provide guidance and support to learners and assists with the running of various Clinics. You will be able to demonstrate good organisational and communication skills and relevant experience within the beauty industry would be advantageous.

Closing date: Wednesday, 8 October 2008

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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**Hourly Paid Lecturers/Facilitators****Can you make a difference?**

Have you ever considered whether your skills and experience are needed by a Further and Higher Education College? Mid-Kent College is actively seeking to recruit hourly paid Lecturers and Facilitators in the following areas:

Lecturers

Hourly Rate: £19.74 - £32.39 (including holiday component)

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| ■ Civil Engineering | ■ Mechanical Engineering |
| ■ Domestic Gas Trainer/Assessor | ■ Brickwork |
| ■ IT and Business | ■ Catering |
| ■ Healthcare | ■ Public Services |
| ■ Psychology | ■ Childcare |
| ■ Electrical Installation | ■ Motor Vehicle |
| ■ Assessors for Motor Vehicle Body & Paint | |

Facilitators

Hourly Rate: £9.98 (including holiday component)

Sessional Facilitators are required to work with and provide assistance to learners and Lecturers. A clear empathy for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities and good communication skills are essential.

Work Placement Co-ordinator

Hourly Rate: £9.98 (including holiday component)

We require an hourly paid Work Placement Co-ordinator to assist with the placing, monitoring and assessing of students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities in their work placements. For further information please contact the Personnel department on 01634 845411.

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DESPATCH PICKER

Successful Ashford Company requires up to four people to join our Despatch Picking team. The role involves selecting and picking plants for customer orders and packing plants ready for transporting.

You will be:

- Working with plants
- Working with people in a team
- Working to deadlines

The successful candidate will be able to work under pressure, work on their own and within a team which has a "can do" attitude. Some knowledge of plants and Latin names will be an advantage as will a fork lift truck ticket. Good physical fitness and good numeracy is also required. Induction training will be given.

Usually 5 days a week Mon-Fri 7.30 to 17.00 but occasionally longer working - the job is not finished till its done and lorry's loaded. In addition there can be some Saturday (morning) working. We offer a very varied working day, good team spirit and plenty of fresh air as well as good rates of pay and rewards for good performance.

Applications in writing please, in letter, email (shawn@palmstead.co.uk) or ask for an application form from the office or download one from our web site. For an informal talk speak to Shawn Putland (01233 811307) or Steve Piddock.

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Community Support Worker

Based in Rainham, Job Ref: MSF048

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In the role of Community Support Worker you will provide floating support to a group of vulnerable clients, who have previously received support from a Community Support Officer and are now ready to withdraw from the service.

Your key role will be to help individuals become independent and make a fresh start.

For this role you will need experience of supporting people in at least one of the following areas: mental health, learning disability, substance misuse, or vulnerable older people.

You must have genuine commitment to make a difference and have a flexible approach. Excellent communication and motivational skills are essential as you will be working closely with a broad range of people.

You will encourage self-sufficiency and independence while at the same time providing clients with the support and guidance they need to get back on their feet. You may also be required to give practical 'hands on' help in life skills in some cases.

You must be well organised, able to work on your own initiative and have a full driving licence and access to a vehicle for business use.

To request an application pack contact Clare Cornwell on 01732 749451 or email clare.cornwell@wkha.org.uk

Closing date: 29 September 2008
Interview date: w/c 6 October 2008

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Lecturer Finance

7.4 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

08/136

Lecturer Administration to Level 3 and Cross College Key Skills

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

08/73

Supply Lecturers required in the following areas:

Administration and Office Skills Level 2 or 3

Bookkeeping and Accounting

Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

SH/AOS

SH/BKA

Supply Learning Support required in the following areas:

Leisure & Tourism

Supported Learning

Various hours available, salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

SH/LS/LT

SH/LS/SL

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 29th September 2008 at 12 noon

Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations
- Staff Discount Scheme

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The Royal School of Military Engineering (Chatham) Instructors

Salary £28,219 - £30,312

If you are a skilled tradesperson and you want a secure, exciting and challenging career in training you should consider working at the Royal School of Military Engineering (RSME) as an Instructor. The School currently employs over 100 civilian instructors who are responsible for ensuring that the Royal Engineers are equipped to carry out all the trade duties associated with their role. Although the Royal Engineers are first and foremost soldiers they are also combat engineers and highly skilled tradesman. If you have ever considered training and are interested in passing on your skills and knowledge to young military personnel we would like to hear from you.

Currently we are looking for a number of people to take up the following posts:

- **Electrical Instructors.**
- **Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Instructors**
- **Heating and Plumbing Instructors**
- **Fabrication Instructors**
- **Electrical and Mechanical Draughtsman**
- **Instructor Fitter - Engines**
- **Land Surveyors**

These are key appointments and the successful candidates will need to demonstrate that they have the practical skills and knowledge of their trade and have the potential to develop into first class instructors. Training will be provided.

For an application form and job description please: Visit our website www.midkent.ac.uk

Email: rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk

Telephone 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine)

Personnel Director Iain Donaldson on 01634 884422

Personnel Officer, Marie Cook on 01634 884736

Closing Date 3 October 2008



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The College is committed to Equal Opportunities and to selection on merit. It welcomes applications from all sections of society. We particularly welcome and encourage applications from under represented groups including black, minority ethnic and disabled people.



South East Health Ltd is a dynamic, growing organisation, commissioned by several Primary Care Trusts in Kent and Sussex to deliver an impressive range of unscheduled care services to a resident population base of around 2.2 million.

In order to meet the needs of patients we require experienced nurses to join the following nursing teams:

NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Nurses with minor illness/injury experience are required to work alongside our GP workforce at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford for daytime and out-of-hours shifts as part of our A&E Front Ending Project.

We also require experienced minor illness nurses to work within our Out of Hours clinical bases within East Kent including Sittingbourne and the Isle of Sheppey. Nurses will provide assessment and treatment for patients with urgent care needs, supported by PGD's and prescribing skills where appropriate.

NURSE ADVISORS

Telephone Nurse Advisors are the first point of clinical contact for patients and we are currently recruiting for our Ashford Call Centre. Using clinical knowledge and skills alongside triage protocols you will decide the most appropriate pathway of care for patients and their symptoms.

STAN (SINGLE TELEPHONE ACCESS NUMBER)

The STAN service has been commissioned by PCT's and is staffed by a team of experienced nurses and skilled support staff. We require nurses to join our team working between 8am and 8pm at our Ashford Call Centre to help plan patient care alongside GP's ensuring appropriate transfers of care for patients.

For an application pack or an informal discussion with the locality manager please contact Caroline Weetch, HR Assistant on 01732 376092 or e-mail caroline.weetch@sehnps.nhs.uk

Closing date for receipt of application: 10th October 2008

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Extraordinary People doing an Extraordinary Job

One of the country's leading providers of education and residential care for vulnerable young people are now recruiting. Due to expansion, our homes near Maidstone, Meopham and Bromley currently have vacancies for:

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Senior Residential Support Workers (up to £20,040 plus £27 per sleep in allowance)

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Waking Night Residential Support Workers (up to £9.88 per hour)

As part of the team of carers, you will work closely with the young people, providing 24 hour intensive care and support within the home.

Ideal applicants will have had experience as a residential childcare practitioner or in education. You will need appropriate qualifications and experience to be considered for the Registered Manager, Deputy Manager and Senior RSW roles.

These positions come with an excellent benefits package and we take pride in the training and career opportunities we offer.

If you feel you have the skills and experience to succeed in any of these roles, please telephone our 24 hour recruitment hotline on **01536 509209** for an application pack or email slitman@castlehomes.co.uk. You can also access our recruitment web page on www.castlecaregroup.co.uk

Closing date for completed applications: **6th October**
Interviews will take place during week commencing: **13th October**



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Head of Faculty Higher Education

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £40,821 per annum

08/112



Section Manager – Automotive Engineering

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum

06/70

Section Manager Construction Craft

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum

08/12

Section Manager – Sports, Leisure, Travel & Tourism

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum

08/27



International Manager

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum

08/111

Co-ordinator of WBL and other Part-time Motor Vehicle programmes including IMI ATA

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum

CO106

Coordinator of IMI and C & G Full-time

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum

08/132



Automotive Engineering Programmes

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,365 per annum

07/31

Lecturer Public Services

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

05/39

Lecturer Health & Social Care

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum

L90

Lecturer Health & Social Care

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

07/04

Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

08/133

Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum. Temporary post to cover maternity leave.

08/135

Lecturer Independent Living and Leisure Skills

9.25 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

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Lecturer Independent Living and Leisure Skills

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

08/100

Lecturer Performing Arts – Drama

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

Supply Lecturers required in the following areas:

Sports
Computing
Hairdressing
Drama
Dance

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Various hours available, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 29th September 2008 at 12 noon

Staff benefits include:

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Project Co-ordinator – College Redevelopment

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum

08/117

Trainer Demonstrator – Sport, Leisure, Travel & Tourism

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

04/106

Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care and Land Based

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

TD13

Trainer Demonstrator – Maths/Physics

27.75 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

TD17

Lab Technician (Resource Assistant)

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

RA18

Resource Assistant/Work Placement Organiser for Health and Social Care

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum

RA17

Resource Assistant Animal Care and Land Based

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 per annum

04/98

Placement Visitor within Early years/Playwork

19 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time.

04/116

Curriculum Support Assistant within the Faculty of ICT/ Retail & Commercial/ Leisure & Tourism/ Catering/ Business & Law

37 hrs per week, 38 weeks per year term time. Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

08/66

Curriculum Support Assistant within Health, Public Services and Care

37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time.

08/131

Assistant Head Chef

Salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum

RC01

Catering Assistant

16 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time.

CA6

Night Cleaners

20 hrs per week, salary £6.13 per hour

08/22

Full Time Cleaner

37 hrs per week, salary £6.13 per hour

08/21

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All posts are fixed term for two years, which may be extended or made permanent.

You'll assist Bedgebury's Visitor Services team in providing a first class service to the public by welcoming visitors, assisting the visitor information centre and through light cleaning and maintenance.

Ideally you'll have experience of working in a customer focussed tourism/recreation environment, cash handling and excellent customer care skills. Applicants with relevant skills in other areas eg retail, general maintenance or cleaning will be considered. You'll have confidence dealing with the public and be able to provide clear and factual information. You must also demonstrate the ability to work well as part of a team. A first aid qualification would be useful, although training can be provided. Vetting for 'Disclosure' via the Criminal Records Bureau is required for all posts.

Benefits include a Civil Service Pension or stakeholder pension scheme, 25 days annual leave and flexible working options.

To apply, visit our website at the address below or email recruitment@forestry.gsi.gov.uk Alternatively, write to Shireen West, HR Services, 231 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh EH12 7AT. Please note all applications must be accompanied by a Forestry Commission application form. Please quote ref: HR89/94. No recruitment agencies please. Closing date: 10 October 2008.

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Please contact Samantha Sullivan (HR Officer) on 01233 623465 (extension 260) to request a detailed job description and application form or if you wish to discuss the role with the Team Leader for the PSM's.

Remember, experience of schools and teenagers is essential. This would be a great job for someone thinking of teaching as a career.

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Interview Date: 17th October 2008



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Creativity rewarded by awards short list

INTEGRATED marketing agency Adams Creative, which has offices in Maidstone and Ashford, has made the short list for the B2B Marketing Awards 2008.

It has been recognised for the "excellent" results it achieved for United Trust Bank in 2007.

Managing director Mike Adams said: "I'm thrilled that my team's hard work has been recognised by the judges."

The agency created a cost-effective lead generation campaign to promote United Trust Bank's bridging loan product, and generated results in a highly competitive marketplace.

The awards are owned and operated by B2B Marketing magazine.

Adams Creative made the short list in the 'Best limited budget campaign' category.

The winners will be announced at a gala dinner in London on November 6.

What's the big idea?

KENT small businesses with big ideas to tackle climate change are being urged to compete for awards of up to £40,000 each through the Shell Springboard programme, which is in its fourth year.

Up to six awards of between £20,000 and £40,000 are on offer in each of three UK regions, including southern England and East Anglia.

Last year awards of £40,000 were made to five businesses across the UK.

The deadline for entries is November 7. Full details and an online application form can be found at www.shellsspringboard.org.

Making a difference

A HOST of Kent charities has been given £50 each by the Yorkshire Building Society, which has branches in Chatham, Canterbury and Bexleyheath.

The handouts came from cash raised in Together We Make A Difference Week, in June, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the society's Charitable Foundation.

Customers and the public were invited to call into any of Yorkshire's 135 branches and 65 agencies to nominate their favourite local charity to receive a cash boost.



BRIDGING THE GAP: The northern part of Kent will benefit from the development and investment plans put in place as part of the Thames Gateway when the economy bounces back

ONE of Kent's leading property experts says the Thames Gateway and the northern part of the county are strongly placed for when the market bounces back – and claims investors are on the prowl for bargains.

James Pilcher, chairman and founding director of Caxtons chartered surveyors, which operates across the county, said property is at least tangible – it doesn't disappear.

He told a packed meeting that most people had benefited from substantial value rises during the boom years and that property would recover as would the economy.

He said: "Recessions do end, we know that, it is just a question of when."

He added: "Also the real silver lining is that this is a time of opportunity for investors with cash and equity. And there are lots of investors in this position."

"My investment clients are coming back into the market and they are looking at best buys in the residential property sector as well as commercial properties that have potential, such as half finished schemes, attractive

BY TONY PATEY

yield properties and land with planning or potential."

But he cautioned: "In times such as this it is important to take care, particularly with over-rented properties, high-risk tenants and secondary properties that look cheap but have little long-term potential."

He emphasised that while the property market was extremely difficult and challenging, business was still being done: "It's harder to achieve deals and not so exciting, but there are plenty of projects to work on and we are all getting on with it."

Mr Pilcher said that while the boom times could not go on for ever, "the hangover we are experiencing is proving to be a very big one, with no sign of a quick bounce back."

While the hope had been that north Kent would, as a Government-designated development area and with the 2012 Olympics looming, be insulated from the downturn, the reality was that "when things get bad they get bad across the board".

But the brighter news was that north Kent and the Thames Gateway was, he hoped, much better placed for when the

market starts to recover.

He was guest speaker at a Property and Construction Club breakfast meeting, the fourth such get-together organised by law firm Thomson Snell and Passmore and Thames Gateway Property and Construction.

It was attended by more than 60 delegates from the region.

Looking at the market over the last 18 months, he said commercial investment sales volumes were down 50 per cent, commercial values were down 10 to 20 per cent – Bluewater alone had recently been down-valued 12 per cent – and occupier demand had weakened. The residential property market was in an even bleaker state, with sales values down 50 per cent overall but probably nearer 70 per cent in recent months. About 4,000 estate agents had already lost their jobs and Halifax, the country's leading agent, had shut 53 branches.

He said: "Certainly on the commercial side, occupiers are going to continue to be very important over the coming months and landlords are likely to cling to them, offering incentives and lower rents."

Mr Pilcher thought Government moves to underpin parts of the property market would probably not be enough to hasten recovery.

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Green brace helps Medway to derby victory



AT THE DOUBLE: Simon Green running in the first of his two tries for Medway

**Sittingbourne 15
Medway 25**

MEDWAY put last week's defeat behind them as they put in a strong performance in the Kent derby with Sittingbourne.

The first half saw the visitors dominate and good ball from the line-out, combined with strong powerful running from Colin Chapman and Liam Weobley, provided Medway's wide players with scoring opportunities, which they clinically took.

Simon Green (two) and Ben Wadsworth scored tries in the first 35 minutes and with Glen Wadsworth

RUGBY

adding two conversions, Medway were in control. Despite playing with the wind, Sittingbourne found themselves behind by 19-3. Sittingbourne's score came from a Scott Truss penalty.

The second half was a very different affair. The Sittingbourne pack from the off totally dominated the scrummage and Medway were on the back foot. The home side took every opportunity to drive the visitors back.

Truss marshalled his forwards and strong running from Scott McNamara saw him crash over for a well-deserved try. Truss added the conversion to make the score 19-10.

In one of the visitor's few visits to the Sittingbourne half, Glen Wadsworth kicked a penalty to make it 22-10.

Sittingbourne came straight back and again the scrummage platform created the opportunity for winger Alex Politovich to score in the corner. The try was unconverted and Sittingbourne were only a single score away.

Almost from the kick-off, Bourne's indiscipline at the ruck cost them another penalty which Wadsworth kicked to make the score 25-15.

The last 20 minutes were tense as Sittingbourne threw everything they could at Medway but couldn't find a way past their strong defence.

Medway return to action on Saturday when they host Erith at Priestfields.

Super Lords storm to FA Vase victory

LORDSWOOD put their league troubles behind them as they marched into the FA Vase first-round proper.

The Lords have found it tough this season having failed to record a point which has left them bottom of the Kent League Premier Division.

However, on Saturday, Lordswood put in a fantastic performance to overcome Sussex side Ringmer 4-0.

The Medway side raced into a two-goal lead thanks to a brace from Bridges.

Two goals in the last six minutes of the second half through Osborne and Dodsworth secured the win and confirmed Lordswood's place in the first-round proper.

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Andy Hesselthaler was among a team of legends in a charity match at Bromley

Lordswood's poor start continues

A 28-0 defeat to Old Elthamians means Lordswood RFC are yet to record a point so far this season.

The Lords were convincingly beaten in Eltham and is not the best start to the season for the Medway club.

Lordswood are now second from bottom in London South East 3 after their second defeat in a row and are yet to score a point in the league this season, following last weekend's 23-0 defeat at home to Sevenoaks.

The Medway-based side will be looking to put some points on the board this weekend when they travel to play seventh-placed Eastbourne.

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Ten-man Gills unlucky to not salvage a draw

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

**Aldershot Town 2
Gillingham 1**

A LATE Aldershot winner denied the Gills a point as they battled for 77 minutes with ten men.

Gillingham boss Mark Stimson surprisingly made only two changes to the side that was thrashed 7-0 at Shewsbury last weekend, with Mark Bentley replacing the injured Dennis Oli and skipper Andrew Crofts returning to partner Curtis Weston.

Both sides started brightly in glorious sunshine at the Recreation Ground with chances coming at either end. The first fell to the Gills when John Nutter's free kick found Crofts, who headed narrowly over. Moments later Simon Royce made the game's first save, diving high to his right to push out Ben Harding's long-range strike.

Gillingham were reduced to ten men in the 13th minute when striker Mark McCammon received a red card for what looked like a fairly routine challenge.

The forward went up for the ball with the Aldershot goalkeeper, but the referee must have seen something in it as he brandished a straight red card.

The home side immediately looked to press their advantage and were unlucky not to break the deadlock from a 17th-minute corner which Chris Blackburn headed narrowly wide at the far post.

The Gills refused to lie down though and carved out a good chance of their own, but Charlie Daniels' close range snap shot was well saved.

Moments later Bentley went even closer as his header came back off the foot of the post.

The home side came back strongly, forcing Simon King into two excellent blocks to deny long-range shots, before the lively John Grant collected a loose ball inside the area and struck the near post with Royce beaten.

The home side maintained their pressure in the second half with John Grant forcing a good save from Royce in the 52nd minute.

With the Gills fighting a desperate rearguard action, chances were few and far between for the visitors although Simeon Jackson was able to shake off his marker and force a save on 68 minutes.

The home side finally broke the deadlock in



UNLUCKY: Mark McCammon seemed unlucky to be shown a red card after his challenge with Aldershot's goalkeeper

the 75th minute when Kirk Hudson collected the ball on the edge of the area and fired into the far corner to put Aldershot in front.

Their lead was short lived as Simeon Jackson levelled the scores within minutes. The Canada under-20 striker had a simple tap in after Bentley flicked on Nutter's corner.

Just as it seemed the Gills had gained a hardfought point, Aldershot grabbed an 86th-minute winner. A cruel deflection off Simon King allowed Scott Davies to score from the edge of the area and seal the win for the Hampshire side.

• The Gills are next in action at home to Port Vale. Visit www.yourmedway.co.uk for live match updates.

Chats stop rot after poor start to season

FOOTBALL

BY YOURMEDWAY REPORTER

Enfield Town 1 Chatham Town 3

CHATHAM Town recorded their first win in five games with a well-earned win away at Enfield Town.

The Chats had made a poor start to Ryman One North having failed to register a point after their opening day win at home to Ilford.

However, an accomplished display at Enfield at the weekend has given manager Steve Binks and his side renewed optimism.

Chatham took a sixth-minute lead through Dave Botterill who scored on his 21st birthday.

In attempting to save that shot, the Enfield goalkeeper Jason Willis collided with another player and ended up breaking his hand. With no goalkeeper on the bench, defender Paul Campbell was forced to put on the green jersey for the home side.

The hosts equalised on the half hour through a Simon Ticker header.

The game was end-to-end before Town wrapped up the points thanks to two second-half strikes from Steve Hafner and Brad Potter.

The Chats boss was delighted his side had got back to winning ways, but more importantly to ensure Town do not get cut adrift in the bottom half of Ryman North.

He said: "It is important that we start to pick up results. We have not been playing bad and on a couple of occasions we have been the better side and lost. We have had a tough set of fixtures to begin the season but we just need to be finding the back of the net more often."

Binks believes his team are beginning to find their feet in the division after having previously played the majority of their football in the Ryman South.

He said: "The players heads are not down and they are not lacking confidence but we are playing some of the best teams in the league in the next few games. In these games the players seem to rise to the occasion."

"Losing three or four players to serious injuries has not helped us and our new signing



THREE POINTS: Chatham (in blue) beat Enfield Town at the weekend to put an end to a run of poor results

Simon Austin is out for a couple of weeks with an injury. I think once he returns from injury he could be the missing link for us as he has plenty of experience playing in higher leagues.

"It does allow me to play Steve Hafner and

Darren Smith together which I have not been able to do for a while and I have every confidence they can play well."

• The Chats were in action at home to East Thurrock United last night. For a match report and reaction from Binks, visit www.yourmedway.co.uk.



IN THE RECKONING: Andy Pugh has played his way into Gills boss Mark Stimson's plans

Triallists make Priestfield exit

FOOTBALL

GILLINGHAM'S search for a striker continues as triallists Trevor Benjamin, Marcus Haber and Roland Benedict were released last week.

Benjamin failed to impress manager Mark Stimson and earn a contract despite scoring for Gillingham's reserves in a 2-1 defeat against Southampton.

He did not feature in the reserves 3-2 victory at Crystal Palace last week and remains a free agent.

Stimson has also decided against pursuing interest in triallist's Haber and American Benedict.

Haber, a 23-year-old Canadian international, failed to impress Stimson in his trial and made his only appearance in the defeat against Southampton. The striker was an unused substitute in Wednesday's 3-2 win against Crystal Palace.

However, last Thursday former Watford winger Albert Jarrett signed a one-month loan deal at Priestfield with a view to a possible extension.

The 23-year-old Sierra Leone international has impressed Stimson in the last two reserve outings. He began his career as a trainee at Arsenal before going on to feature for Wimbledon, Watford and Brighton.

In the opposite direction, defender Sean Clohessy has moved to Blue Square Premier League side Salisbury City on a one-month deal following a successful trial.

Young strikers Andy Pugh and Luis Cumbers grabbed the goals in the reserves 3-2 win at Crystal Palace this week, which has given Stimson cause for optimism.

He said: "The reserves put in a great performance. Pugh and Cumbers did really well. Pugh has come back from loan and I said I want to look at him in the reserves. He has put himself into the reckoning."

"There was a triallist out there but a number of 16-year-olds played and it was a pleasure to watch."

"What youngsters like Jack Payne and Connor Essam showed was immense."

"There are three or four players who can only get better because of their age."

Mos fight back against Hornets



EVEN: Dynamos came from behind to clinch a draw at Bracknell

ICE HOCKEY

Bracknell Hornets 3 Invicta Dynamos 3

THE Invicta Dynamos recovered from going behind in the first minute to earn a point from their first away game of the season.

The Hornets got themselves on the board early when Daniel Davies picked out Craig Tribe, who made no mistake firing past Glen Jackson.

Martin Melichercik flew over the blue line just after Galazzi was released from the box, the Hornet knocked Melichercik flat but the Mos player was quickly up and the puck found him at the back post seconds later to tie things up after six minutes.

Glen Jackson was the star for the Mos as the period progressed, stopping Gareth O'Flaherty when he was sent through alone by Graham Bellamy before denying Steve Cameron and Craig Tribe. The Mos were given a chance with

a 50 second five-on-three to end the period when Cameron and Bellamy were both given penalties, but the powerplay never clicked.

Tribe went close as did Galazzi before a slip by Jack Tarczycki let in Daniel Davies who found Ben Duggan for a simple tap in at after 24 minutes.

Grant Baxter was called for interference after 29 minutes and the Hornets used the powerplay to good effect with Tony Barclay banging in a loose puck at the back post.

Jackson continued his heroics in a four-minute powerplay for Bracknell, denying Tribe twice and Duggan to keep the gap at two. The Mo's pulled one back in the 37th minute, AJ Smith with a strong skate on the right, dropping the puck into the stride of Anthony Leone who fired past Adam Marashi.

In the third period Melichercik continued to impress, a neat one two with Phil Manny gave him a clean shot in the slot and he smashed it past Marashi before he had time to react, setting up a tense final ten minutes.

Melichercik went close to a hat trick but his turnaround attempt in the slot was stopped.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson talks about new loan signing Albert Jarrett

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